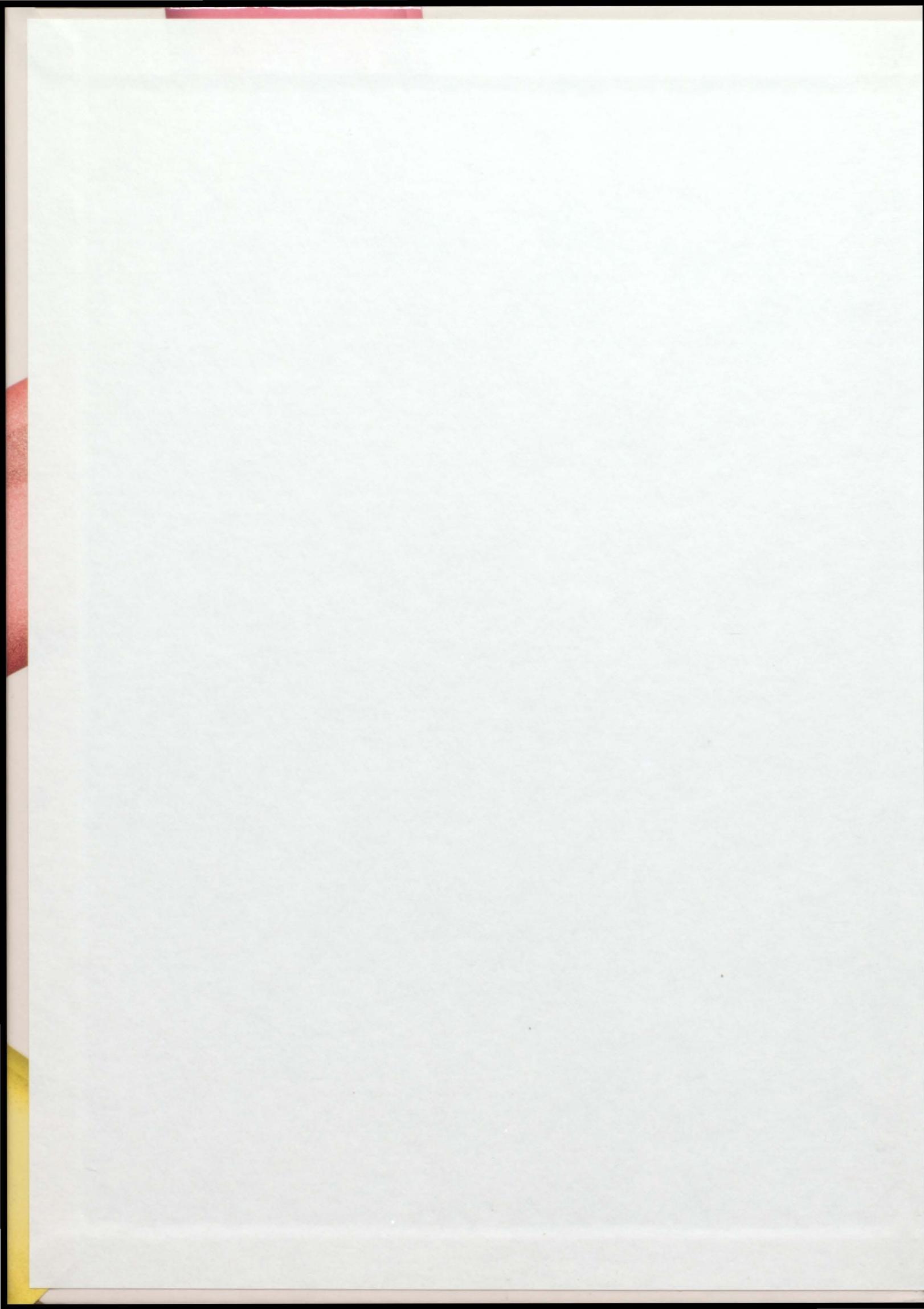
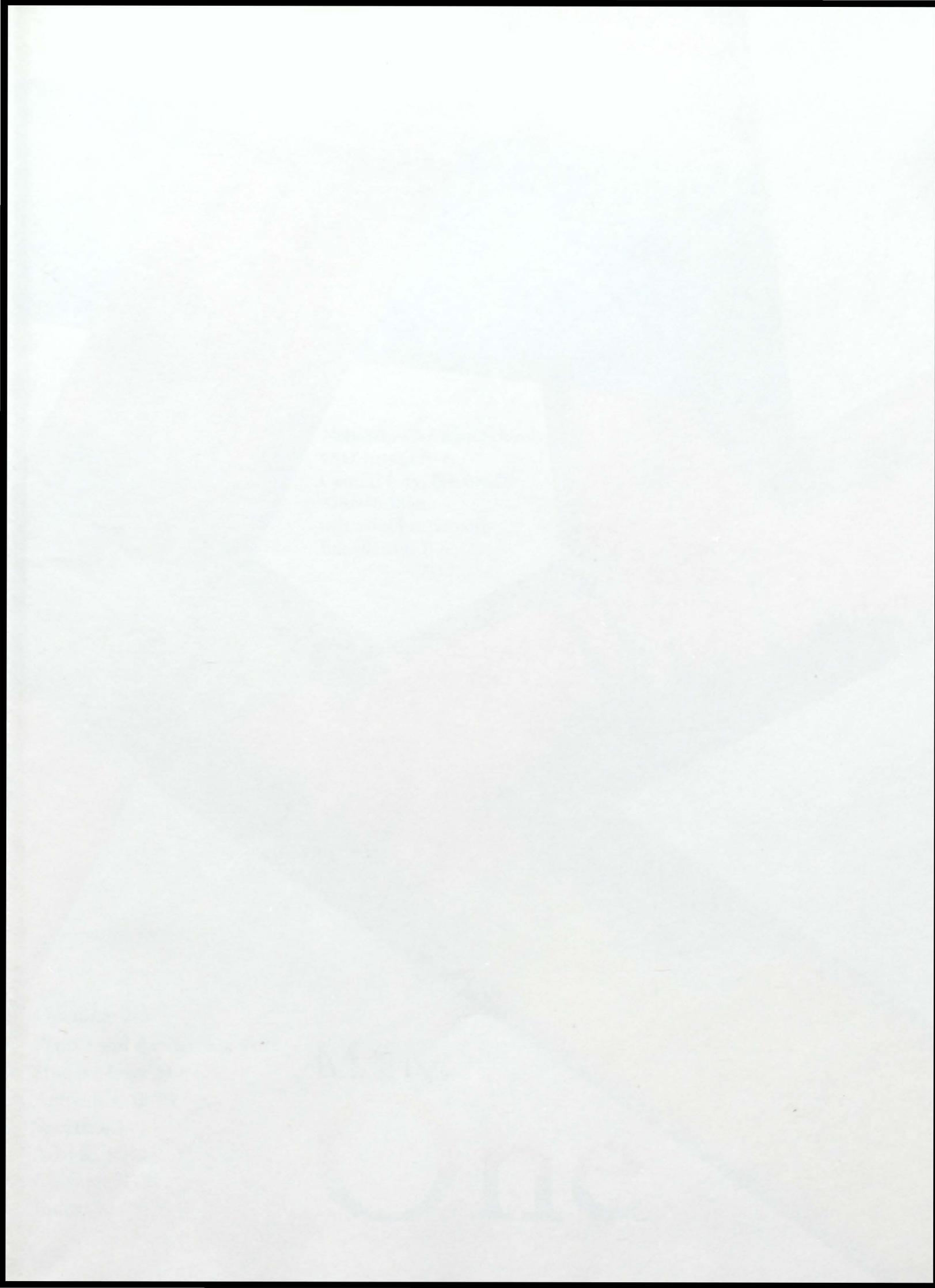
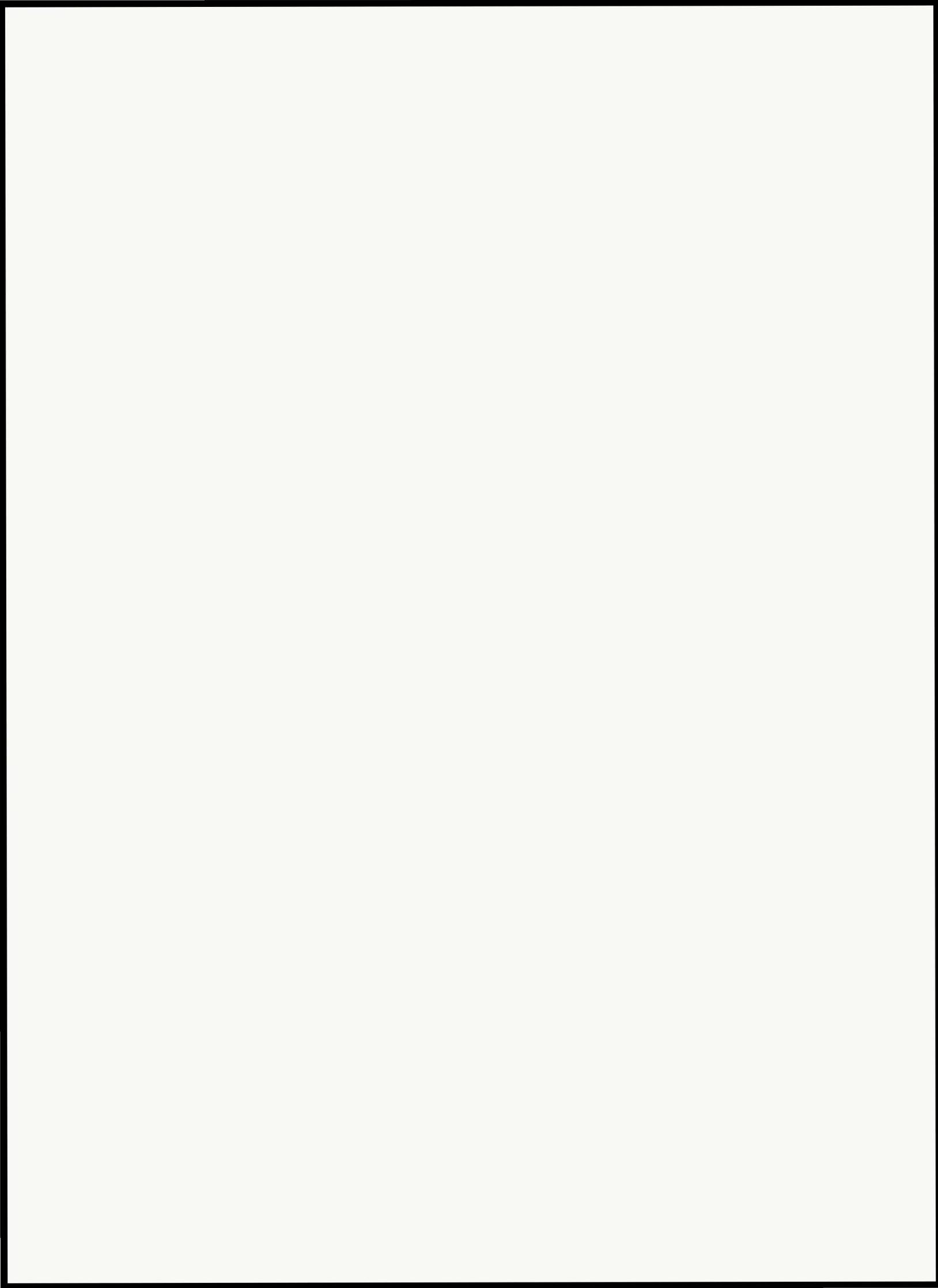




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# Many: One



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## Many: One

Nebraska Christian is a school of variety. With a rich history, a diverse student population, and many different activities in which to get involved, it's not hard to agree with the consensus of the students, staff, and families: this is a pretty individual place, because it separates itself from other schools in the area. With so many distinct opportunities, one might think that it would be impossible to draw everyone together. However, Nebraska Christian has one vastly important uniting factor - Christ.

*Many: One* symbolizes the ability of the seemingly contrasting student body of Nebraska Christian Schools to come together under a consolidating

belief in the power and sovereignty of a holy God. The school fully commits to faithfulness to Christ, and because of that pledge, it experiences a solidarity unlike that of any rival school. The atmosphere at Nebraska Christian is, therefore, dissimilar from secular education systems in Nebraska and across the country, and perfectly unique to the school. As you look into the pages of this yearbook, a commemoration of the students brought together in Christ, be observant to the obvious and beautiful peculiarity that bears witness to the lives changed here. It truly is spectacular.

- Danae Burdett (12)

## How Did God Work in Your Life This Year?



"I know now that God stands by me in the future of my life; He'll show me the right way to go."

- Sonya Wu (12)



"I think my hunger for the Word has grown more and more as teachers and speakers have volunteered to spend their time on me."

- Aidan Pipher (9)



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1. Carsyn Ostrand (11) and Katelynn Halstead (12) energetically participate in a round of charades, while their volleyball teammates Cream Masatit (12) and Grace Langemeier (10) try to guess what they are imitating. (It was a monkey riding a unicycle.) The Student Council put on many fun pep rallies throughout the year, including games like charades for the students to play.

2. Grinning in their costumes, Aaron Jividen (8) and Jacob Nokelby (7) have their picture taken on Ag Day. Homecoming Week was a special way for the students to express themselves and have a little bit of fun during an otherwise normal week.



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5. Alexandra Bruning (6) and her grandparents laughingly play a game in the gym on Grandparent's Day. Every year, elementary students bring their grandparents to the school on this day for a few hours of fun.

6. (Left to right) Ben Griess (12), Angelina Rodriguez (11), Chase Tate (12), Luke Swanson (12), Joel Poppe (12), Andrew Feely (12), Alison Winsterman (11), Tim Hofmann (12), and Daniel Myers (12) smile for the camera at the Christian Resource Center, where the high school students viewed the 2017 Solar Eclipse. This day was a fun getaway from school, but it was also a learning experience, as the students got a chance to hear from Brian Young about God's creation.



"I have memorized more verses, and I also feel a lot closer to God. I've been reading the Bible more, and I love to be around good Godly friends who share the same beliefs as me."

- Reghan Flynn (7)



"I would say that my trust in the Lord and my willingness to read the Bible frequently has increased greatly."

- Aidan Feely (8)



## Many Individuals: One Community

### Diversity Leads to Unity

Although Nebraska Christian boasts many different nationalities and personalities, a common interest shared in its community is Jesus Christ. Faculty and students are blessed to be immersed in an environment in which they can encourage one another, not only in daily life, but also in their spiritual walk with Christ. They are offered an opportunity to spread encouragement through student led e-groups, school wide team activities, and even a chance this year to bless others through a StuCo-sponsored encouragement week. During this week, encouraging words flowed from the pens of students onto small pep notes and were then delivered to every high school student. Another area in which students were able to serve their community was by participating in a soup can drive. All high school

students were encouraged to collect as many cans as possible to later be donated to the local Christmas of Sharing. Nebraska Christian truly takes the aspect of community to heart and strives to reach out to others in need.

Senior Anna Musgrave said, *"I love NC because of the people. Because we have a common goal and unifying belief, we can be vulnerable and honest with each other. And because of our unifying faith, it is our job to look out for each other as fellow believers. In tough times, you really feel the community reach out, and in times of ease, there is always someone to talk with or ask for accountability or prayer from."* At Nebraska Christian, many unique individuals comprise one large Christ-centered community.

- Katelynn Halstead (12)

1. (Clockwise from left) Claire Ostrand (12), Stephanie Strobel (10), Kendyl Jividen (10), Katelynn Halstead (12), Jada McHargue (11), Kate Pipher (11), Adrienne Falk (11), and Grace Langemeier (10) cheer on the boys basketball team at districts. The student section, decked out in tie-dyed apparel, enjoyed cheering on the basketball team.



4. Andrew Feely (12), Sharon Yu (12), Ruby Yang (12), and Rocky Wang (12) strike a pose by the fire at the Covenant Cedars senior retreat. Seniors were instructed how to become godly leaders during their time at this retreat.

5. Trev McHargue (2) and Noah Creutzberg (2) take a break from recess to flash the camera a quick smile. Elementary students enjoyed two recesses a day.

## Why I Love NC!



"I love NC because of the relationships that I have with not only my fellow classmates, but also with the teachers. There is no other school like NC, and I am so blessed I was able to come here this year."

- Kindra Watson (10)



"...the fact that we have Bible class and chapel. I love NC because the teachers are nice and the students are fun to be around."

- Aaron Jividen (8)



"A benefit to attending a Christian school is the truth that is constantly fed to you. It's inescapable, convicting, and leads to growth. Another is the enormous amount of support there is for your walk with Christ. Peers are not only your friends, but your mentors and fellow warriors in the Christian life. There is a community of believers at your disposal."

- Laura Carlson (11)

2. Bella Yin (11) and Carsyn Ostrand (11) smile at the camera while playing a game at the pig roast. The pig roast was a good opportunity for students to connect as the year began.

3. Brennan Nokelby (12), Keziah Dexter (12), Jake Twogood (11), Arwen Zhang (11), Kalob Green (10), Cream Masatit (12), and Brayden Gustafson (12) gather for prayer. It was not uncommon to see groups of students praying in and out of the classroom.



1. The Nebraska Christian Senior Class. Front to back, from left: Katie Nyberg, Cream Masatit, Jessica Hilderbrand, Danae Burdett, Keziah Dexter. Row 2: Corryn Falk, Joel Poppe, Luke Swanson, Claire Ostrand, Lydia Langemeier, Clara Chon, Jean Joy Kamau, Melinda Kim. Row 3: Landon Barcel, Chase Tate, Sam Twogood, Nick Vuong, Rocky Wang, Spencer Williams, Sonya Wu, Ruby Yang, Sharon Yu, Richard Zhao. Row 4: Micah Smith, Andrew Feely, Ben Griess, Brayden Gustafson, Katelynn Halstead, Tim Hofmann, Joel Kaczor, Ji Ha Kim, Anna Musgrave, Daniel Myers, Brennan Nokelby. Not pictured: Hieu Nguyen.

## One Last Ride

### Seniors Embrace Final Year of High School

Senior year is not just the last year *as God leads us to new roads*," said *The teachers prepare us to face the world by explaining worldviews and* Danae Burdett. *of high school, it's a year full of senior Danae Burdett. reflections and memories of past times, past friends, and past laughs. Preparing for life after high school, how they differ from Christianity.*" *"Senior year has been mainly a time of out of their comfort zone and be will forever be in the seniors' minds change for us, as we transition from ready for the waiting world. Senior as they work towards God's plan for high school to higher education or the Cream Masatit said, "The school them. workplace. We are anxious for what teaches students to be leaders standing the future may bring, but also excited firm and leading people to the truth.*

- Joel Poppe (12)



**Landon Roshan Barcel**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people talk and always say um."



**Danae Rebecca Burdett**  
President

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people take my pencil bag and throw it in the dumpster."



**Heewon (Clara) Chon**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "stains on clothes and shoes."



**Keziah Rose Dexter**

Years at NC: 6-1/2

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people tell me I'm not an adult."



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2. Spencer Williams (12) gets doused with a cooler full of water during the gunny sack race at the end of the year's final pep rally. Fun events like pep rallies gave the seniors a little break from their studies and preparation for college.

3. Keziah Dexter (12) and Lydia Langemeier (12) smile at the camera as they walk to the first day of school assembly. *"My favorite part of senior year was the trip to D.C. I loved being able to commute with my friends and learn about America's history,"* said Langemeier.

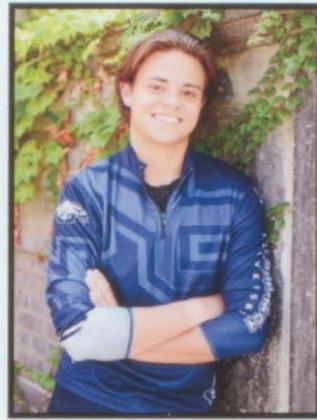
4. Senior Nick Vuong trembles in fear as the crates on which he's standing begin to tip over. The senior class enjoyed many "getaways" from school, such as this one at Covenant Cedars in early September. The seniors stayed overnight and did various physical teamwork activities and listened in sessions about leadership for 2017-2018 school year.



**Corryn Victoria Blair Falk**

Years at NC: 3

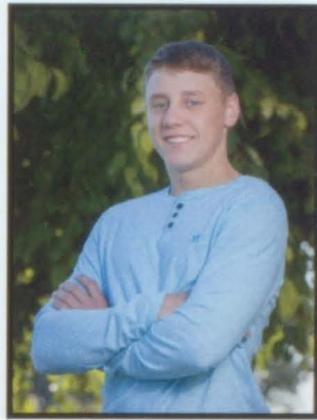
My biggest pet peeve is... "shirts sticking out underneath sweatshirts."



**Andrew James Feely**

Years at NC: 7

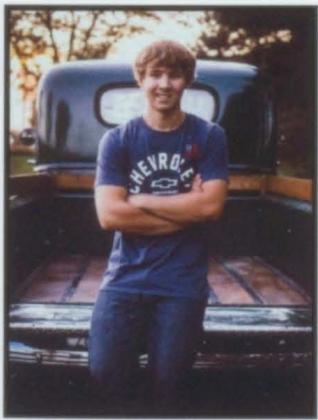
My biggest pet peeve is... "people chewing with their mouths open."



**Benjamin Andrew Griess**

Years at NC: 5

My biggest pet peeve is... "cracking knuckles; people rolling their tongues."



**Brayden Lane Gustafson**

Years at NC: 7

My biggest pet peeve is... "thin girls saying they're fat."



**Katelynn Atalissa Halstead**  
*Secretary*

Years at NC: 2

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people say the word 'moist.'"



**Jessica Anne Hilderbrand**

Years at NC: 7

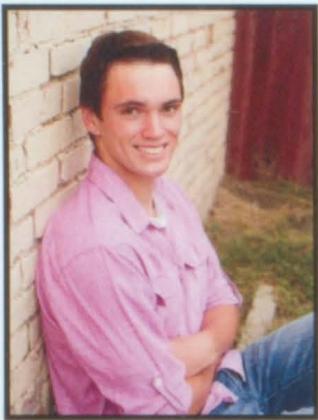
My biggest pet peeve is... "people disregarding grievances."



**Timothy Frederick Hofmann**

Years at NC: 6

My biggest pet peeve is... "slow drivers."



**Joel Jeremiah Kaczor**

Years at NC: 6

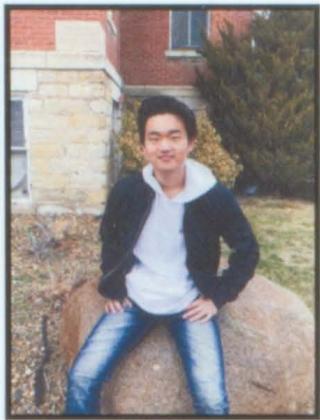
My biggest pet peeve is... "when people don't tell you plans till last minute."



**Jean Joy Wambui Kamau**

Years at NC: 1

My biggest pet peeve is... "when someone says '...no offense but...' and goes ahead and says something offensive."



**Ji Ha Kim**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people assume things about me that aren't true."



**Yaebeen (Melinda) Kim**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "the morning bell in the dorm."



**Lydia Kristyne Langemeier**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "when plastic or Styrofoam rubs together."



**Rinhrada (Cream) Masatit Treasurer**

Years at NC: 3

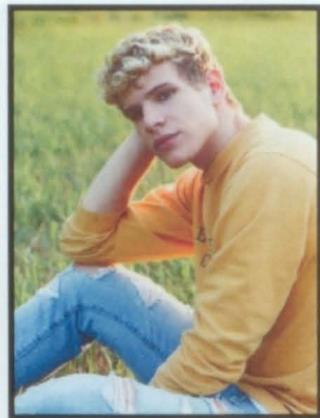
My biggest pet peeve is... "when someone wears shorts when it's below zero outside."



**Anna Marie Musgrave**

Years at NC: 4

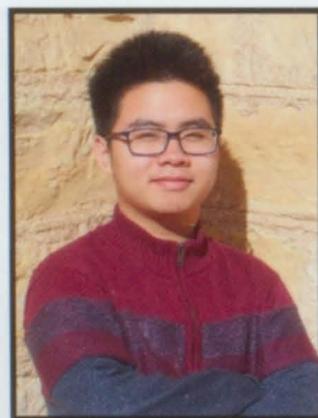
My biggest pet peeve is... "moist."



**Daniel Lawrence Myers**

Years at NC: 9

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people butt into my conversation and make me repeat myself."



**Hieu Trong Nguyen**

Years at NC: 1

My biggest pet peeve is... "limited WiFi."



**Brennan Thomas Nokelby**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "school on Mondays."



**Katelyn Christian Nyberg**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "slow drivers."



**Claire Elizabeth Ostrand**  
**Vice President**

Years at NC: 11

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people's clothes don't match."



**Joel Isaac Poppe**

Years at NC: 7

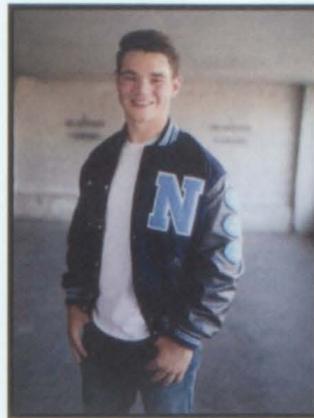
My biggest pet peeve is... "people that say absolutely everything that comes to their minds."



**Micah William Smith**

Years at NC: 7

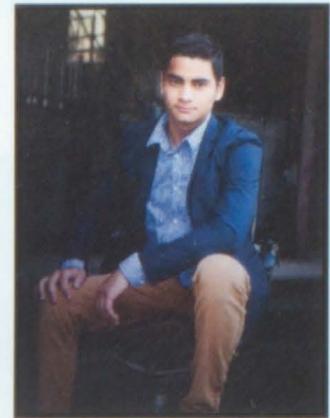
My biggest pet peeve is... "getting interrupted multiple times in a row."



**Luke Daniel Swanson**

Years at NC: 6

My biggest pet peeve is... "people trying too hard to be funny."



**Chase Mihail Tate**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "Mr. Z's candles."



**Samuel Wyatt Twogood**

Years at NC: 4

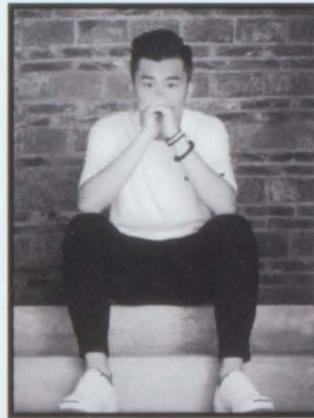
My biggest pet peeve is... "when people use the word "palate" like they know something about food, but they do not, and they just need to calm down."



**Hung (Nick) Gia Vuong**

Years at NC: 2

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people force me to do something that I don't want to do."



**Taiming (Rocky) Wang**

Years at NC: 3

My biggest pet peeve is... "when people don't finish what they start."



**James Spencer Williams**

Years at NC: 11

My biggest pet peeve is... "people smacking with their mouths."



**Xin (Sonya) Wu**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "when someone wears new clothes without washing them first."



**Xinjie (Ruby) Yang**

Years at NC: 2

My biggest pet peeve is... "American food."



**Shaorong (Sharon) Yu**

Years at NC: 2

My biggest pet peeve is... "when someone doesn't answer me when I ask them something."



**Weichen (Richard) Zhao**

Years at NC: 4

My biggest pet peeve is... "chewing gum loudly."



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Baron Bai  
Curt Bailey  
Noah Boersen  
Justin Brock  
Laura Carlson  
Ryan Dexter  
Jon Dockweiler



Adrienne Falk  
Sarah Farritor  
Bekah Feddersen  
Madi Felt  
Cody Griess  
Brad Hilderbrand  
Michelle Huang



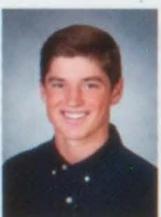
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Jada McHargue  
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Harry Nguyen



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Kate Pipher  
Angelina Rodriguez  
Sara Royle  
Tainsley Sebek  
Halle Strong



Skylar Swantek  
Jake Twogood  
Toby Watson  
Alison Winsterman  
Bella Yin  
Kevin Yu  
Arwen Zhang  
Barry Zhang



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5. Juniors Laura Carlson (11) and Kate Pipher (11) hand change back to senior Brennan Nokelby (12) during football concessions. Selling concessions gave the class a chance to raise money for their senior trip.

6. The juniors gather together for a group picture before the total solar eclipse. The class had a bountiful amount of time to bond with each other and the other classes during the phenomenon.

## One Bond

### Relationships Sustain Juniors Through Stress

The stress of junior year is one *give your all to academics and athletics*. the people surrounding them. that brings many students to their *But the relationships you build now* **Carsyn Ostrand (11)** stressed this breaking points. Whether it's a *can last a lifetime, and all the times* point: *"This year, I have strengthened schedule holding too many difficult spent together in loving service and my friendships and have had the classes or the ACT panic, it can marveling at God's creation and opportunity to make many more."* honestly be said that the first year as *kindness--those lessons and memories* The juniors know the most an upperclassman requires a lot of *won't fade easily.*" The important part of these years is to endurance.

As Bailey said, high school is also about building relationships. The do that than by reaching out and GPA. **Curt Bailey (11)** said, "The class of 2019 has many intertwining bonds that glue them together to be around them? investing in others. You work hard and a class that cares about each other and

- **Madi Felt (11)**



Hunter Dixon  
Kalob Green  
Amy Hilderbrand  
Seth Hower  
Kendyl Jividen



Bryce Krieger  
Grace Langemeier  
Moses Lu  
Josie Maberry  
Emily Meng  
Jamie Myers  
Christopher Needham



Garrett Nokelby  
Olivia Nyberg  
Andy Pao  
Talia Parlane  
Clay Purkerson  
Sam Qu  
Cory Ruybalid



Jordan Schnell  
Stephanie Strobel  
Garrett Swantek  
Lydia Toshimasu  
Keith Wasomi  
Kindra Watson  
Johnny Wu





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1. Emily Meng (10) paints McKinley Mankin's face during the Back-to-School Carnival. Meng, along with the other international girls, painted faces for the kids at the event.

2. Johnny Wu (10) and Sam Qu (10) dress up as soccer players for duo day during homecoming week. They, among the other sophomores, enjoyed dressing up and participating in the fun activities.

3. During the annual Harvest Festival, Garrett Nokelby (10) exercises good serving qualities by pouring water for the guests. There were many opportunities this year for the students to serve and grow in their faith.

4. Carefully inspecting the inside of the frog's mouth, Bryce Krieger (10) follows the next step in the dissection instructions. Dissection was an important aspect of Mrs. Tara Mundt's biology class because it allowed students to get a firsthand look at the things they were studying.

5. Sophomore Clay Purkerson (right) asks Cory Ruybalid (10) a question about their upcoming vocabulary assignment during English class. Ruybalid and Purkerson grew close throughout the year.

6. Grace Langemeier (10), Stephanie Strobel (10), Jamie Myers (10), and Kendyl Jividen (10) pose for a quick picture. The total eclipse day was a good opportunity for classmates to bond with each other.

# One Network

## Sophomores Bond Through Growth

Each new school year brings new *of my classmates this year. You also volleyball*, Grace Langemeier (10) opportunities and experiences for *don't get any freshman jokes, which is* stated. Langemeier, Kindra Watson each class. For the sophomores, this *nice*, Kendyl Jividen (10) expressed. (10), Stephanie Strobel (10), and meant stepping up and taking on This year has been full of fun Jividen were all a part of the team, and more responsibility. While still being memories that they will remember each claimed that this experience was considered underclassmen, it is for years to come.

oftentimes hard to find a student's One of the highlights of the year It's an interesting year of change place as a sophomore when it comes was when the volleyball team made it and growth for the sophomores, but to school. Despite this difficulty, the to the state tournament after being some of the relationships that were sophomore class fully embraced the undefeated all season. *"My favorite* built this year will last for a lifetime. challenge and became closer as the *memory of this year was winning the* - Josie Maberry (10) year rolled on. *"I feel a lot closer to each district final game and going to state*



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Elijah Boersen  
Ethan Burdett  
Elijah Green  
Gabe Huenefeld



Olivia Janssen  
Anthony Jividien  
Cody Kaczor  
Connor Lovejoy



Carl Mundt  
Aidan Pipher  
Jacob Sandmeier  
Tennasyn Sebek



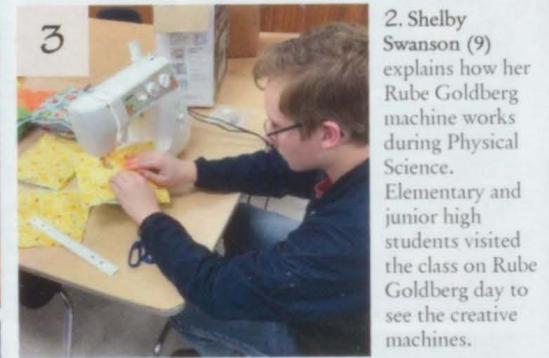
Joshua Strong  
Grant Stuhmer  
Shelby Swanson  
Charlotte Wang  
Toby Zaruba



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2. Shelby Swanson (9) explains how her Rube Goldberg machine works during Physical Science. Elementary and junior high students visited the class on Rube Goldberg day to see the creative machines.

3. Carefully sewing, Connor Lovejoy (9) works on his quilt blocks during Family Consumer Science class. The FCS students made quilt blocks for blankets.



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1. Grant Stuhmer (9) and Olivia Janssen (9) make a roller coaster during Physical Science. Mrs. Dee Flynn had the students build the roller coaster to investigate the conservation of energy.

4. On Duo Day of homecoming week, Elijah Green (9) and Ethan Burdett (9) impersonate the characters Scooby-Doo and Shaggy. They had fun dressing up like favorite cartoon characters.

5. During a basketball game, Elijah Boersen (9) looks for an open teammate. Although Boersen was a young freshman player in the team, he was an asset to both the JV and varsity squads.

6. Charlotte Wang (9) hustles toward the finish line with her Casey's pizza while another runner comes up behind her. During the final pep rally of the year, each class competed in a pizza race. The winners received root beer.

7. In Physical Science class, Anthony Jividen (9) works a problem on the board. Mrs. Dee Flynn helped Jividen to solve the problem.

8. On Class Cinema Day during homecoming week, the freshmen dressed as characters from *Toy Story*. Each class was assigned a movie to inspire the costumes. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Gabe Huenefeld, Joshua Strong. Row 2: Jake Sandmeier, Aidan Pipher, Carl Mundt, Grant Stuhmer, Connor Lovejoy.

# One Unit

## Small Class Size Fosters Close Relationships

The first year of high school is *my favorite things about my class is that [Dee] Flynn*. We got to drink hot cocoa exciting but nerve-wracking. At NC, we can learn about the Bible, and we and eat snacks. We played card games the 2018 freshman class was filled *can share our thoughts. Since we have for the whole period; it was awesome.*" with 17 students who were very *a small number of people in our class,* The freshman class members value precious and fresh! Seventeen is not *we can get to know each other better.*" every moment with each other. They a big number for a class, but each one As they have gotten to know each have bonded together through lots of of these students has worked hard to other better, the NC freshman class special memories, and they will still create an atmosphere of joy beyond has created lots of precious be encouraging each other and the number of people. Toby Zaruba memories. Joshua Strong (9) said, building each other up for years to (9) said, "Our class is filled with great "The thing I enjoyed this year as a class come. friends and great teachers. And one of was our Christmas party with Mrs.

- Melinda Kim (12)



Tug Burdett, 7  
Amanda Carlson, 7  
Marisa Fetterley, 7  
Reghan Flynn, 7  
Micah Green, 7  
Gabe Langemeier, 7  
Sarah Lasso, 7



Owen Morris, 7  
Marlie Mundt, 7  
Jacob Nokelby, 7  
Drew Perdew, 7  
Elijah Peters, 7  
Cooper Schnell, 7  
Riley Schreiber, 7



Terrigan Sebek, 7  
Macy Shotkoski, 7  
Amy Springer, 7  
Sophie Swanson, 7  
Will Twogood, 7  
Malachi Zaruba, 7  
Charlie Cheng, 8



Tyler Cumpston, 8  
Zachary Egeland, 8  
Dayton Falk, 8  
Aidan Feely, 8  
Molly Griess, 8  
Teagan Haynes, 8  
Aaron Jividen, 8





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1. Amanda Carlson (7) and Teagan Haynes (8) prepare to take off in the pizza relay at the final pep rally of the year. Four representatives from each class were chosen to compete in the relay, and the first team to complete the 4x1 relay and eat the entire pizza won.

2. Riley Schreiber (7) and Jacob Nokelby (7) practice their trombone skills in band class. Band was one of the few activities that involved both junior high and high school students.

3. Straining to pull himself forward, Will Twogood (7) plunges along in the "cross country skiing" event in the NC Olympics. The NC Olympics took place during the two weeks of the actual Winter Olympics and gave the students an opportunity to break from their studies. E-groups competed against each other for prizes that included candy bars, Dilly Bars, and a sweat pants day.

4. Sidney (8) and Shelby (8) McHargue pose before the state volleyball send off. The McHargue twins were student managers for this year's team, and they enjoyed having a front row seat as the team excelled.

5. Micah Green (7) and Terrigan Sebek (7) participate in one of the Pi day stations. Pi day gave a great opportunity for the younger students to learn some of the basic components of geometry, while older students honed their teaching skills.



Link Lin, 8  
Shelby McHargue, 8  
Sidney McHargue, 8  
Ethan Merchant, 8  
Kobe Morris, 8  
Daniel Musgrave, 8



Jonathan Needham, 8  
Nehemiah Peters, 8  
Elizabeth Powers, 8  
Tabitha Scip, 8  
Chantz Stuhmer, 8  
Stone Swantek, 8

## One Adventure

### Junior Highers Embrace Change

Junior high is an adventurous and "bigger" kids: *"I like how we move to Junior High,"* Tabitha Seip (8) said. This year, the number of students seventh graders, they begin to enter one room. *I was scared at the* in the junior high is at a record peak. into a whole new world, going from *beginning, but I got comfortable in the* Their journey will continue as some the "Kings" and "Queens" of *next week or so. I like learning in all* enter into high school and some will elementary to the youngest students *the classes and getting to know new* become the older class in the junior in the high school building. A new people." high. Junior high is a great time to way of learning and adjusting to the Most of the eighth graders love start building relationships with class schedule may seem being the older class and are peers for the next six years. intimidating. Gabe Langemeier (7) extremely excited to begin high - Tim Hofmann (12) seemed to enjoy his first year with the school. *"I like being the older class*



Ava Brumbaugh, 4  
Sheridan Falk, 4  
Julia Merchant, 4  
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Isabelle Brumbaugh, 5



Nathan Fetterley, 5  
Jonah Green, 5  
Joshua Green, 5  
Grace Gustafson, 5  
Alyssa Springer, 5  
Alexandra Bruning, 6



Caitlin Chiles, 6  
Gavin Falk, 6  
Rachel Hale, 6  
Zach Huenefeld, 6  
Justin Maberry, 6  
Christopher Medlock, 6  
Kylie Merchant, 6



Richie Musgrave, 6  
Amanda Needham, 6  
Micah Perdew, 6  
Hope Seip, 6  
Faith Springer, 6  
Christian Strobel, 6  
Grace Strong, 6





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1. Richie Musgrave (6), Nathan Fetterley (5), Micah Perdew (6), and Rachel Hale (6) perform in the Patch the Pirate play *The Lone Stranger*. The annual musical was a great opportunity for the students to use their musical talents together.

2. Taytum Perdew (4) uses her muscles to hold up a big pumpkin at the pumpkin patch. The elementary loved spending the warm fall day off from school with their friends.

3. Learning how an old typewriter works, Hope Seip (6) watches Gavin Falk (6) cautiously type on the machine. Students learned about Nebraska's past at the Stuhr Museum with hands-on learning activities.

4. Faith Springer (6) serves her friends and family at the Pancake Feed. Students sold tickets to help raise money for the elementary scholarships and the annual Patch the Pirate musical.

5. Caitlin Chiles (6) works hard on her homework. Upper elementary students learned more about responsibility with the amount of assignments and projects.

6. Hananiah Peters (4) and Alyssa Springer (5) finish eating a snack during a special day in botany class. Chef Courtney Quackenbush of Prairie Creek Winery brought bruschetta and rice made with basil and thyme. The elementary students grew these herbs in the school's greenhouse, and Quackenbush taught them how to correctly harvest, store, and use the herbs.

# One Journey

## Changes in Elementary Lead to Growth

The last couple years in the *more engaged, focused, and now I get* school, and learning how to play an elementary building are some of the *to teach more toward the hearts of the* instrument with **Mr. Mike Flynn** in most critical because they shape the *kids, instead of just focusing on the* the music and worship room. students physically and emotionally *books themselves*. Another big **Joshua Green** (5) said, "My favorite into teenagers. With over fifteen difference is how supportive and part of the day is recess time because I years of experience working with prevalent each family is in the students' can just get a break from math!" The elementary students, **Miss Amy** lives." **Schreiber** began her first year teaching at NC in 2017. Schreiber said, "It was a big transition from teaching at a public school to a Christian school. The students are Mrs. Sarah Swanson in the high

The fifth and six graders get more privilege outside of the classroom such as working in the greenhouse on Wednesdays, sixth grade math with on. The elementary to youngest in the high school can be scary, so it's vital to invest in the students' lives early

- Daniel Myers (12)



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Gabriel Green, P



Charlotte Hale, P  
Mabel Mankin, P  
Carl McHargue, P  
Orrin Strong, P  
Will Zanger, P  
Ryan Berck, K  
Caleb Dieckmann, K



Lily Franel, K  
Lucy Perry, K  
Tyla Stuhmer, K  
Kaity Berck, 1  
Christian Jividen, 1  
Bethany Needham, 1  
Selah Perdew, 1



Caleb Peters, 1  
Ali Rayne Williams, 1  
Emma Zanger, 1  
Noah Creutzberg, 2  
Kaley Krug, 2  
Anisha McCray-Luce, 2  
Trev McHargue, 2



Ava Merchant, 2  
Emily Perry, 2  
Abby Berck, 3  
David Chiles, 3  
Matthew Needham, 3  
Alexis Perry, 3  
Caleb Whalen, 3





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1. Anisha McCray-Luce (2), Noah Creutzberg (2) and Lucy Perry (K) hang on tight as they get ready to swing around on the monkey bars. The students enjoyed being able to go outside during recess and play on the playground with their friends.

2. Selah Perdew (1) colors a bright yellow flower meticulously, making sure to stay in the lines. Many students looked forward to the time of the day when they could break out the crayons and add some color to their homework assignments.

3. Lower elementary students pose for a picture during their "Dr. Seuss" week where each day of the week had a theme. On this particular day, the class celebrated "Fox in Socks." Clockwise from bottom left: Christian Jividen (1), Abby Berck (3), Selah Perdew (1), David Chiles (3), Kaley Krug (2), Anisha McCray-Luce (2), Noah Creutzberg (2), Matthew Needham (3), and Kaity Berck (1).

4. Christian Jividen (1) guards his legs from getting hit by Amanda Needham (6) during their intense game of Gaga ball. Gaga ball was put in on campus last spring and was a major hit during recess time.

5. Bethany Needham (1) carefully reads one of her library books while Mrs. Verna Zaruba works with the other students. First grade is the year when many students begin reading, and they improve immensely throughout the year.

6. Trev McHargue (2) slides down the huge inflatable with a smile on his face at the annual back-to-school carnival. The carnival was a time to meet new families of NC and fellowship over food, yard games, and football.

# One Imagination

## Students Eagerly Embrace Learning

Reading, writing, adding, second year. The students learned *favorite part is playing on the slides at subtracting, coloring, and even many things in the classroom and recess!*" Recess time is a highlight for learning how to tie their shoes are just built many friendships throughout many kids because they are able to a few of the things that the lower the year with kids that may not be the get out of the classroom and interact elementary students learned to do same grade as them, but they were with friends of all ages. this year. There were many new faces able to get to know them better due added to the elementary this year, to sharing a classroom. including preschool teacher Mrs. Stacy Berck and 4th-6th grade about school. Emma Zanger (1) said, teacher Miss Amy Schreiber. "My favorite part about school is the basis for their relationship with

Kindergarten through third grade learning about math, reading, and the Bible." Ryan Berck (K) stated, "My

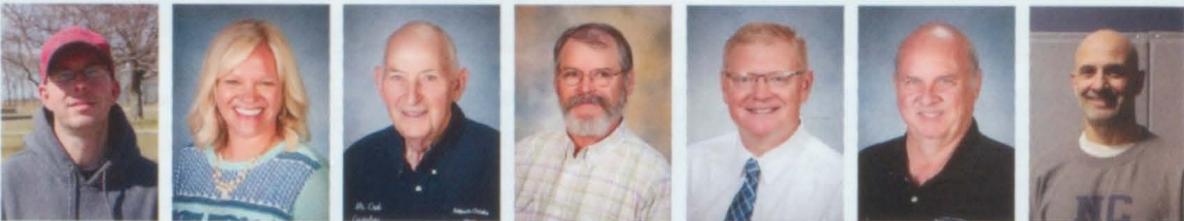
During the first years of elementary, students build the foundation for future learning and interaction with others, along with the basis for their relationship with Christ.

- Carsyn Ostrand (11)



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Terry Anderson - Bus Driver  
 Stacy Berck - Preschool Teacher  
 Harold Cook - Custodian  
 Curtis Cooper - Custodian  
 Josh Cumpston - Superintendent, Bible  
 Tom Dockweiler - Business Manager,  
 Bus Driver  
 Terry Elge - Wrestling Coach



Andy Falk - Math, Bible  
 Ruth Ferris - Secondary Library Aide  
 Amy Fetterley - Foundation & Special  
 Events Assistant  
 Dee Flynn - Boys' Dorm Parent, Science,  
 Quiz Bowl Coach  
 Kaity Flynn - Girls' Dorm Parent,  
 Women of Vision, Literature  
 Mike Flynn - Boys' Dorm Parent,  
 Music, Bus Driver, Bible  
 Stephani Franel - Development Director



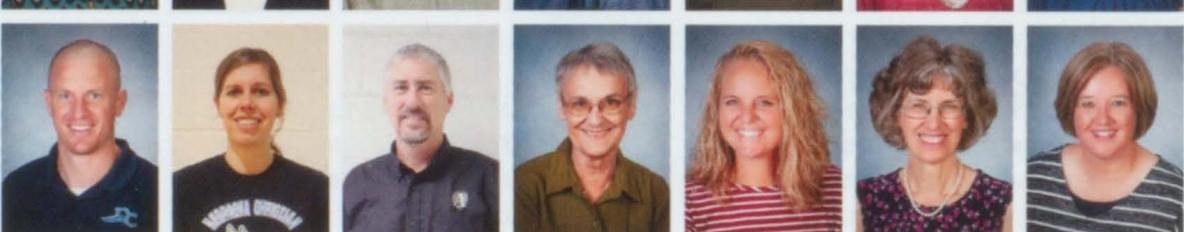
David Gee - Industrial Technology  
 Karmen Hamer - English, Drama  
 Jody Heuermann - Foundation Director  
 Rachel Hicks - English, Speech Coach,  
 National Honor Society  
 Daurice Hower - Program Assistant  
 Steve James - Guidance Counselor,  
 Bus Driver  
 Donna Janssen - Elementary Aide



Ronda Jividen - Elementary Aide  
 Renate Johansen - Art  
 Scott Johnson - Cross Country Coach  
 Gib Killion - International Program  
 Director & Dorm Director, Bible  
 Anna Kirby - Cook  
 Kristy Langemeier - Special Events  
 Coordinator  
 Deb Lovejoy - Head Cook



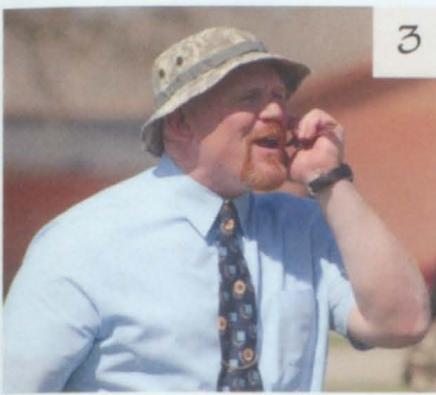
Clay Mankin - Social Studies, Bible,  
 Soccer Coach, Bus Driver  
 Erin Mankin - Girls' Basketball Coach  
 Paul McHargue - Boys' Basketball Coach  
 Karen Miotke - Business Office  
 Secretary  
 Tara Mundt - Science  
 Sara Musgrave - Spanish  
 Angela Needham - International  
 Program Assistant, Bus Driver



## Faculty & Staff



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1. Gathering for a moment during first period, female faculty and staff share fun stories, prayer requests, and the love of Jesus Christ. The women met for coffee and conversation in Mrs. Dee Flynn's room every other Thursday. Miss Rachel Hicks said, "Thursday morning coffee is just a time for us NC ladies to get together, share, and pray for each other. It's nice to spend some time laughing and relaxing with friends."

2. During Physical Science, Mrs. Dee Flynn describes the lesson to the freshman class. She also taught Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, and Botany to juniors and seniors. Flynn said, "Being able to teach science from a Christian perspective is a blessing."

3. At the last pep rally of the year, Mr. Andy Falk tries to direct Mr. Eric Zanger to get to a cone with money inside. The audience pointed Zanger to the money by hollering out directions.

4. Celebrating Dr. Seuss week, Mrs. Verna Zaruba makes oobleck out of cornstarch and water for the elementary students, including Tyla Stuhmer (K) and Noah Creutzberg (2), to play with. They had a variety of Dr. Seuss activities throughout the week.



Jonathan Parlane - Bus Driver  
 Carl Ostrand - Social Studies, Bible, Football Coach, Track Coach, Men of Vision, Bus Driver  
 Tonya Ostrand - Spanish, PE, Elementary PE, Volleyball Coach  
 Becky Rita - Communications, Yearbook, Student Council  
 Robert Rita - Maintenance Director  
 Susan Rita - Executive Secretary



Vonda Schnell - Cook  
 Amy Schreiber - 4th-6th grades  
 Denise Schreiber - Librarian, Elementary Math  
 Larry Schreiber - School Counselor, Activities Director  
 Wendy Schweitzer - Cook  
 Cheri Strong - Cook



Janice Stuhmer - Family Consumer Science, 7th-8th English, Elementary Art, Elementary Math  
 Sarah Swanson - Math, Elementary Math  
 Gordon Thiessen - Chaplain  
 Patty Welk - Elementary Library Aide, Resource  
 Eric Zanger - Bible, Business, Computer  
 Verna Zaruba - K-3rd Grades

# One Family

## New Staff Member Promotes School Unity

With students from eight different countries, Nebraska Christian is known as a multi-cultural school with an International Program. Mrs. Angela Needham, the program's assistant, said excitedly, "I really enjoy working at NC, getting to know the international students and each of their countries better." This is her first year working at NC, though her older children attended last year. Needham plans the girls and boys trips during Thanksgiving and Easter breaks. She also prepares files and the program gives us a great chance papers for International Program to experience real American family Director Gib Killion to go meet culture, and I enjoy getting to know parents in Asia and Africa. She puts family members of my classmates." together letters from teachers and keeps up student files for parent-teacher conferences abroad.

Additionally, Needham is a part of the Adopt-a-Student Sundays program which creates relationships between American families and international students. Melinda Kim (12) from South Korea said, "I think

Promoting unity in our school, faculty and staff at NC focus on making students get connected and united as one family in Jesus Christ. It is amazing to see how God puts people from all over the country and all over the world into one place, equipping each other into one family. - Cream Masatit (12)



## Many Parts: One Body

### Events Bring Students Together

Nebraska Christian brings many students together from different backgrounds and locations. Various personalities, interests, and talents pervade NC's student body. It can be difficult for students to have friendships grow in class, so outside events are a perfect opportunity to build relationships. Events like the Harvest Festival and special chapel speakers allow students that may not get as much of a chance to bond form new friendships with those they might not know as well by going through new experiences together. These friendships move beyond special events into non-school sponsored activities and classroom antics. **Katelynn Halstead (12)** said, "Outside events allow for students to spend time getting to know each other in a more laid back environment outside the classroom. We not only learn how to go through school together, we learn how to do life together."

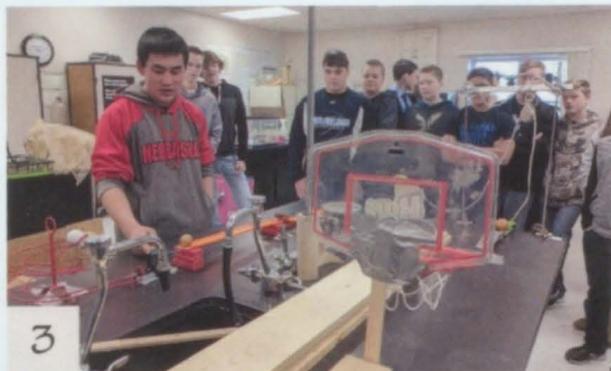
Luckily for NC students there are plenty of different school-sponsored events that people can volunteer for or participate in to grow into one body. Favorite events included the senior and junior trips, pep rallies, and after school games in the gym. Students also took advantage of serving others at the Harvest Festival and the annual auction. Speaking on the auction, **Curt Bailey (11)** said, *"Serving in the auction was a super neat experience. This year was my first time helping, and it was cool to see a bunch of people come together to work as a team. It was fun because we all worked in little squads to bring the food out as quickly and effectively as possible. Plus, if you were lucky, you could find some leftover cheesecake after the event."* Serving others together and using God-given talents and experiences to bless members of Christ's Kingdom brings students closer than ever before.

- **Brennan Nokelby (12)**

1. Chapel speaker Dan Meers, the Kansas City Chiefs' mascot KC Wolf, dresses up student Daniel Musgrave (8) in his costume. Meers was a chapel speaker for the Digging Deeper event, where he talked about not wasting or taking your life for granted.



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3. Toby Zaruba (9) works on his Rube Goldberg as other students look on. On Rube Goldberg day, students from the elementary and junior high joined the physical science class to watch the presentations.

4. Barry Zhang (11) gives Christian Jividen (1) a ride during a game in the Pig Roast event. The event gave students an opportunity to bond with younger kids and get to know each other at the beginning of the year.

5. Landon Barcel (12) and Katie Nyberg (12) serve at the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival let the choir and band showcase their talents as well as serve others.

## What Was Your Favorite Event?



"My favorite event this year was the Olympic Game on Friday night. Lots of students from our school participated in that event and got the chance to try Asian food that was new to them. This kind of activity can deepen the relationships between the Americans and the international students and strengthen school cohesion."

- Bella Yin (11)



"One of the amazing pep rallies this year was the send off for the volleyball girls going to state."

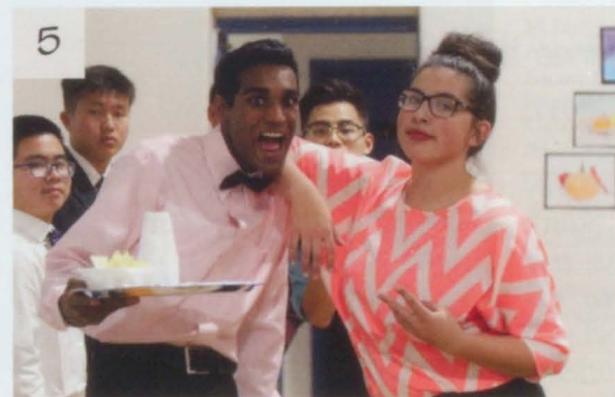
- Hunter Dixon (10)



"My favorite event of the year was the senior trip. I liked the trip because I got to learn a lot about America's history; I got to learn all about the founders and heroes that built this wonderful country."

- Hieu Nguyen (12)

2. Marlie Mundt (7) tries to move on a scooter with plungers as part of the Student Council Winter Olympics event. The students combined into different teams named after countries and competed during the winter season in fun events.





1. Having fun in the corn bin at The Scarecrow Patch, Sheridan Falk (4) attempts to slide under the bar in a game of "corn limbo." The elementary got the day off from studying to run around at the pumpkin patch.



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# One Experience

## Learning Outside of the Classroom

Having the opportunity to learn about different things outside of the classroom can be very beneficial. While there were not very many high school field trips this year, students still enjoyed the time they got to spend outside of school. Students in A&P went to the Cadaver Lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. **Ali Winsterman (11)** said, *"My favorite part of the Cadaver Lab was getting to hold a brain. I learned a lot more about A&P just*

*from being able to observe a real cadaver."*

In the elementary, the students had the opportunity to go to the Stuhr Museum, The Scarecrow Patch, and the Henry Doorly Zoo. **Alyssa Springer (6)** said, *"My favorite part of the pumpkin patch was going down the big slide and riding the zip-line."*

Field trips are a great way for students to "take a break from the books" and learn in person.

- **Daniel Myers (12)**



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2. Cream Masatit (12), Mrs. Dee Flynn, Katie Nyberg (12), Laura Carlson (11), Kate Pipher (11), Jada McMArgue (11), Luke Swanson (12), Alison Winsterman (11), Emma Kaczor (11), Landon Barcel (12), and Daniel Myers (12) prepare to visit the Cadaver Lab at UNL. They learned more about God's design while viewing the cadavers.

3. Justin Brock (11), Garrett Swantek (10), Kevin Yu (11), and Clay Purkerson (10) pick up the trash in the neighborhood ditches. High school students had the opportunity of serving the community with a work day in early May.



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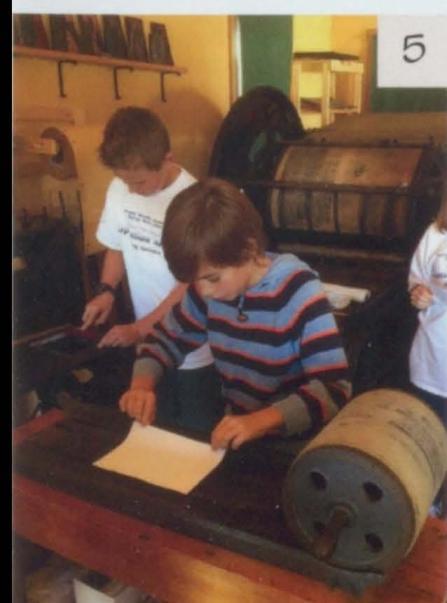


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4. NC's elementary students gather for a photo at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo. The students visited the zoo on the final Monday of the school year.

5. Micah Perdew (6) and Richie Musgrave (6) learn how to use an old printer at the Stuhr Museum. The elementary students had the opportunity to go to the Stuhr Museum and learn how the early settlers of America lived.

6. Claire Ostrand (12) takes notes during Spiritual Emphasis Day. Rich Peterson spoke to the 9th through 12th graders about how to effectively study the Bible. His messages were filmed and put on NC's YouTube channel so that anyone can access them.



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# Elba Marching leaders Tiger Band



Shaun Hammonds  
Band Director



Jessica Lewis  
Drum Major



Jason Tucker  
Assistant



Brittaney Van Winkle  
Assistant



Isaiah Daniels  
Captain



Mia Clark  
Co-Captain



Robert Clark  
Drumline



Jamie Clark



Kristopher Whitehurst

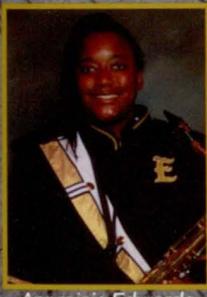


Andrea Jimenez  
Woodwind Captains



Anaiya Henderson

Band



Appraisal Edwards  
1st Lieutenant



Jonathan Zavala



Christopher Gasca

2nd Lieutenants



Winston Kelley  
Low Brass Captain



Winston Kelley  
Music Librarians



Andrea Jimenez



Mia Clark  
Alto Captain



Katelyne Turner  
Captain



Abby Wilson  
Co-Captain

Danceline



Connie Banks  
Colorguard



A'Quandria Roberson  
Captain



Kendra Kyles  
Co-Captain



Freeda Hooks  
Co-Captain



Tiffany Campbell



Elizabeth Woodham

Uniform Officers



Valiee McKelvy  
Danceline







# Little Miss Elbala



*Mary Brooklyn O'Neal*



*3rd Grade  
Beauty*

*Alyson Chandler*



*2nd Grade  
Beauty*

*Hillary Hudson*



*1st Grade  
Beauty*

*Armani Latimer*



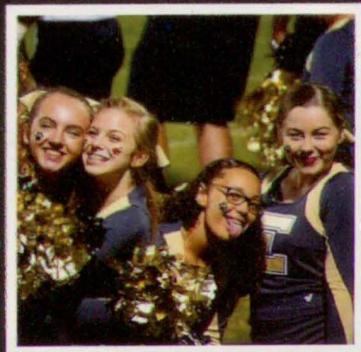
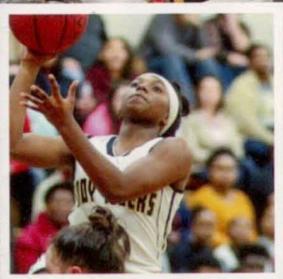
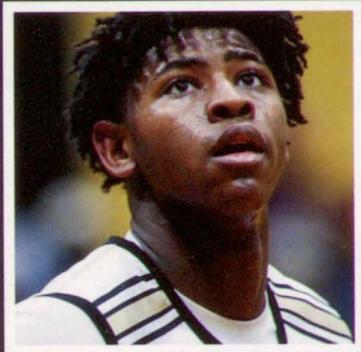
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Elba High School

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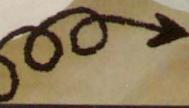
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# junior varsity

team 

## Standing:

Elizabeth Woodham,  
Appraisia Edwards,  
Jaden Wright, Nina Williams,  
and Leighanne Sanders.

## Kneeling:

Grace Cline, Janiah Burks,  
Liza Rodriguez, Callie Pope,  
and Nevaeh Sanders





## One Device

This school year, the computer aided drafting (CAD) class received a new 3D printer. Nebraska Christian graduate Zane Dexter (class of 1985) donated the printer to the school. The printer can perform several tasks, such as printing out parts that the CAD class designed, as well as using other designs that were downloaded. The printer then uses these designs and makes replicas of them out of plastic. The items that the printer creates range from souvenirs to sell at the Benefit Auction to parts used in the shop. The class has also used the printer to make everyday items, like the caps for the fence posts out at the football field. The possibilities are almost unlimited when it comes to this printer.

Overall, the 3D printer has proved to be a valuable tool for both the CAD class and the school as a whole.

- Corryn Falk (12)

1. Clara Chon (12) practices her sewing in Family Consumer Science (FCS) class. FCS enabled students to learn skills that would help them outside the classroom and be applicable in their everyday lives.

2. Nick Vuong (12) and Ji Ha Kim (12) show off the African Violet that they grew in botany class. The botany students were each given a violet to personally water and care for throughout the year,



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3. Elijah Green (9), Josh Strong (9), and Shelby Swanson (9) work to put their roller coaster together in physical science. The freshmen enjoyed being able to complete fun group projects together while still learning.

4. Jada McHargue (11) and Laura Carlson (11) work diligently on their homework during their 9th hour study hall. Carlson said, "Having study hall 9th hour was beneficial because it eliminated a lot of homework that I otherwise would have had to lug home."



# One Mind

## Diversified Learning Leads to Growth

There are a wide array of classes offered to students at Nebraska Christian, from botany class, where students learn how to care for plants, to Men of Vision, where students are able to discuss theological issues, and everything in between. Although the classes are very diverse, students enjoy the variety. Noah Boersen (11) said, "If I had to choose a favorite class, it would probably be Men of Vision. In that class this year, we went through several different topics, ranging from the sin of pride, to the marks of a Godly husband and father. I really respect Mr. [Carl] Ostrand and all the things he has taught us through his class as we

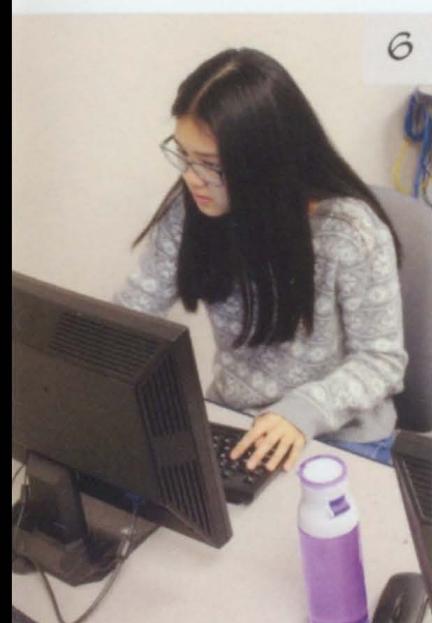
prepare for adulthood."

Due to the different lessons and skills that each class offers, students are able to grow in their knowledge of subjects such as math and history, as well as in their walks with Christ. Arwen Zhang (11) said, "My favorite class is literature. I like reading, and literature gives me a chance to read and communicate with other readers. Also, this class helps me with my English skills." Even with all the different classes offered, there is still a sense of oneness, and that is due to the fact that the students and staff at Nebraska Christian are here for one reason: to glorify God.

- Corryn Falk (12)



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6. Cream Masatit (12) works on a computer during class. The students at Nebraska Christian learned to use their time in class wisely, so they didn't have to take as much work home with them.

5. Alison Winsterman (11) and Kate Pipher (11) are careful not to damage the sheep brain they are dissecting. The A&P students performed several dissections throughout the year. They also were able to take a trip to the University of Nebraska to observe the cadaver lab.

7. Anthony Jividen (9) and Elijah Boersen (9) work together to solve a problem in physical science. The freshmen were able to work problems out on the board while still receiving help from Mrs. Dee Flynn.



"My favorite class is Men of Vision. I enjoy it because it is a smaller-sized class with only guys, and we discuss deeper, theological questions and what it means to grow as Godly men."  
- Ben Griess (12)



"My favorite class is probably Bible, because it has helped me to grow in my faith by convicting me and showing me where I fall short."  
- Emma Kaczor (11)



"I enjoy band because it allows me to interact with people from other grades."  
- Kendyl Jividen (10)

## What is your favorite class?

## Many Cultures

Every year at Nebraska Christian, there are lots of opportunities for students and people in the community to learn about and share different cultures from around the world. This year, NC got to cooperate with the Central City Public Library to hold classes on different Asian cultures. One of these events was a traditional tea class highlighting drinks from Japan, China, and Thailand. One of the girls who participated in the event, **Cream Masatit** (12), said, "It was a good opportunity to show the ladies how to make the tea from my country and talk to them about Thailand. I was blessed by this marvelous chance to represent our countries. We all had such an amazing time having conversations and drinking different kinds of teas."

One of Nebraska Christian's special features is that people get to learn about diverse cultures around the world all while staying in Central City.

- Melinda Kim (12)

1. Barry Zhang (11) tries to pop a balloon for one of the Wacky Olympics games as Baron Bai (11) and Madi Felt (11) look on. NC held Wacky Olympics for more interaction between the international and American students. On this day, everyone got to know each other better.



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2. Kevin Yu (11) takes to the air at iFly in Denver. The dorm students participated in a variety of fun activities during their Thanksgiving and Easter trips.



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3. During the Easter trip in Denver, Colorado, the international boys take a picture at the Garden of the Gods. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Hieu Nguyen (12), Row 2: Harry Nguyen (11), Andy Pao (10), Richard Li (11), Baron Bai (11), Rocky Wang (12), Moses Lu (11), Johnny Wu (10), Charlie Cheng (8). Row 3: Keith Wasomi (10), Til Lyu (11), Ji Ha Kim (12), Barry Zhang (11), Kevin Yu (11), Richard Zhao (12), Sam Qu (10), Link Lin (8).

Dorm Life



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4. Selling an international dinner at the auction, Clara Chon (12), Melinda Kim (12), Lydia Toshimasu (10), Arwen Zhang (11), Sonya Wu (12), and Emily Meng (10) hold signs to advertise. Next year, the dorm girls will cook and serve a meal to the winning bidder and his guests.

# One World

## Dorm Brings Students Together

Living away from home is exciting, yet it comes with many challenges, including being away from family and immersed in a foreign culture.

In the 2017-2018 school year, thirty-five international students from six different countries attended NC and lived in the dorm with American students.

Living with people from all over the world is like tuning a huge instrument. Although the students are at one place, their languages and cultures vary from one another. This is a fascinating experience but not the easiest thing to do; however, there are

new travelers from the other side of the world to Nebraska every year.

*Lydia Toshimasu (10), one of the new students, said, "What I like the most about NC as an international student is the life in the dorm. There were two main trips in this school year, and I enjoyed hiking at the Rocky Mountains with the dorm sisters over Thanksgiving and having a good opportunity to look into my spiritual objective over Easter break."*

Throughout the school year, American and international students grow together and share various cultures.

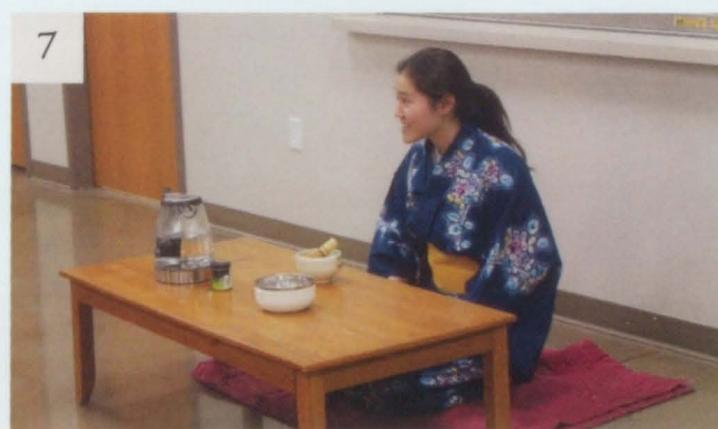
- Melinda Kim (12)



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6. During the Kim-bap teaching night at the library, Clara Chon (12) and Melinda Kim (12) give information about South Korea and its traditions. On that day, people got to try making Kim-bap, which is a Korean dish made from cooked rice and other ingredients that are rolled in a sheet of seaweed, and learn about the country.

5. During Digging Deeper, Nick Vuong (12) and Harry Nguyen (12) teach the elementary students how to use chopsticks. Many young students both from NC and from other schools had the chance to learn about cultures of Asian countries from the international students that day.

7. In a Japanese traditional costume, Lydia Toshimasu (10) shows the elementary students a traditional Japanese tea ceremony during Digging Deeper. The students were able to be involved in the ceremony, as well as taste Thai and Japanese tea.

What do you want to say about NC?



"I can't believe that it has already been four years in NC."

- Ji Ha Kim (12)



"I appreciate the dorm girls. I really enjoyed the time with them during the trips. We shopped, painted and did lots of fun activities together."

- Michelle Huang (11)



"I met lots of friends from many countries, and I had opportunities to learn different cultures in the world."

- Sam Qu (10)



## Many Participants: One Event

### Students Use Their Talents in Activities

At Nebraska Christian, activities tend to be a major deal. Who wants a school year just sitting at a desk, slowly being lulled to sleep because they haven't moved from that spot for 45 minutes? Different activities give the students a chance to get up, move around, and exercise the talents that God has bestowed on them.

One popular activity at the school is choir. **Danae Burdett** (12) said, *"I love choir because it gives me not only an opportunity to sing, but a purpose. I believe that choir is the most important activity that NC offers because it teaches high school kids how to worship Christ through song."* As Burdett stated, choir gives the students a chance to express glory and praise to the Lord through different songs.

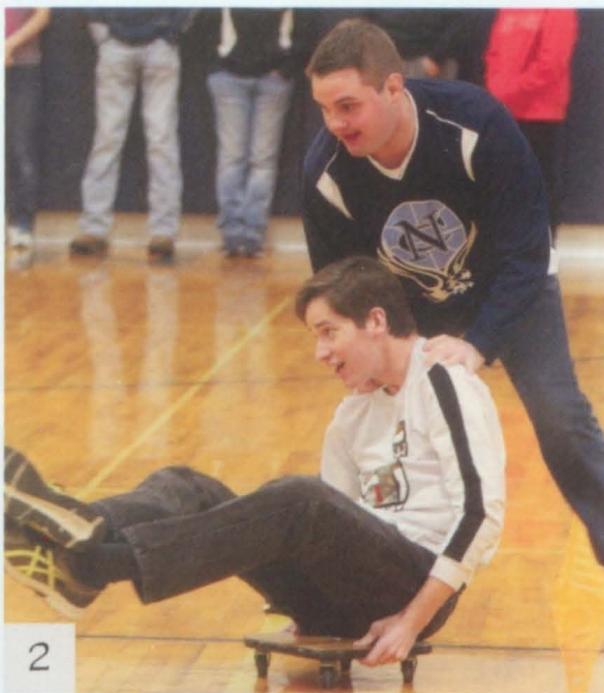
A new activity that is now being offered at NC is

robotics. This year, the junior high robotics team made it to nationals. **Amanda Carlson** (7), the only girl on the team, said, *"I like robotics because it is all about problem solving, learning from your mistakes, and also having fun and building relationships with fellow competitors. And also, it gives you a chance to let your true colors shine!"*

But whether it be choir, robotics, drama, band, yearbook, speech, quiz bowl, art, or student council, activities are cherished and well-loved at Nebraska Christian Schools. It gives the students an opportunity to use their talents in various ways for the glorification of God. They also get to represent their school as they participate in activities. Those reasons and many more are why the students of NC love and enjoy activities.

- **Madi Felt** (11) & **Kindra Watson** (10)

1. Clay Purkerson (10) and Danae Burdett (12) lead the choir in singing "Behold Our God" during the Harvest Festival. The elementary and junior high choirs joined with the high school choir to sing this song as the finale of the program.



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3. The junior high robotics team members Cooper Schnell (8), Tyler Cumpston (8), Jonathan Needham (7), Aidan Feely (8), and Amanda Carlson (7) work on their robot before their meet. Their hard work combined with their determination was a key factor that took them all the way to nationals.

4. During the Harvest Festival, Clara Chon (12) uses her talents by playing the clarinet. There were many opportunities this year for the band to perform and serve God with their individual talents.

5. During the annual Elementary musical, Gavin Falk (6) and Christopher Medlock (6) try to keep a straight face as they act. The students worked hard to prepare for the annual Patch the Pirate play. Falk said, "It was fun being able to share our God-given talents with others through performing in the play."

## Which Activity Was Your Favorite?



"My favorite activity is art because I can spend time with my friends and be creative."

- Stephanie Strobel (10)



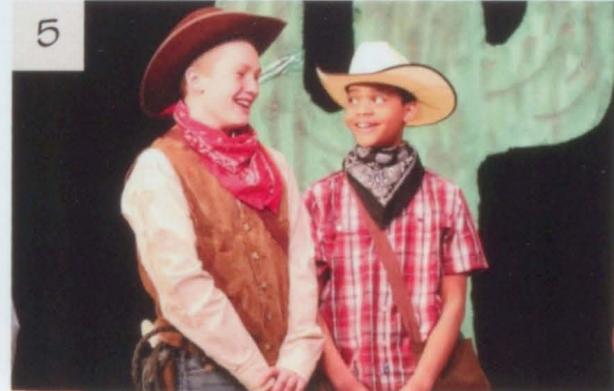
"Quiz Bowl is one of my favorite activities because it is a fun group of people and we get to use our knowledge to compete."

- Ben Janssen (11)



"My favorite activity this year would probably speech because, with having an all-girls team, we really connected with each other."

- Bekah Feddersen (11)



2. Student Council Vice President Curt Bailey (11) and Secretary Tim Hofmann (12) demonstrate an activity where a student had to push another around cones to the finish line. Being on StuCo gave students a chance to exercise leadership skills on a larger scale.

# One Adventure

## Digging a Little Deeper

Throughout the year, elementary students enjoyed a variety of activities that took them out of the classroom. One of these was Digging Deeper. For the fourth consecutive year, NC hosted Digging Deeper, a day where area elementary students gather on campus and learn more about Jesus Christ. This year, Dan Meers, also known as K.C. Wolf, came to speak to the students, along with Rod Handley.

After hearing from the speakers, the students enjoyed a fun day of learning about the different cultures of some of the

international high school students, with stations including art, music, sports, and culture. Cream Masatit (12), and Lydia Toshimasu (10) made different kinds of tea and talked about the customs of their cultures with the elementary students. Masatit said, *"It was very fun to be able to introduce my country to the kids. It was also a blessing to see how excited and interested they were toward new things."* Digging Deeper was a fun way to get the students out of the classroom and interacting with others from surrounding areas.

- Carsyn Ostrand (11)

2. Taytum Perdew (4) and Sheridan Falk (4) smile for a picture at the back-to-school carnival. The girls enjoyed getting their faces painted by the dorm girls at the carnival.

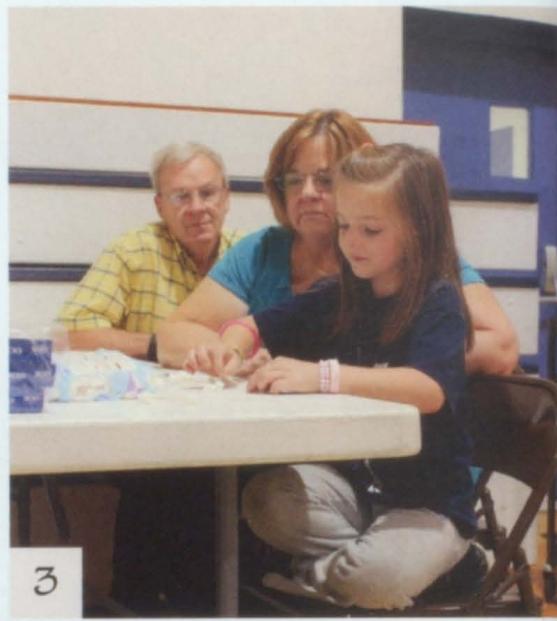


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1. The fourth through sixth graders learn how to make rope at the Stuhr Museum. The students were able to learn many things about Nebraska's past while having a fun day spent with their classmates outside of the classroom.



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3. Emma Zanger (1), along with her grandparents, places marshmallows on tooth picks during an activity at Grandparents' Day.

Many of the students enjoyed showing their grandparents around the school and being able to spend the afternoon with them playing games.

4. Holding their ribbons and trophy proudly, Caitlin Chiles (6), Kylie Merchant (6), Rachel Hale (6), Richie Musgrave (6), and the alternate

Micah Perdew (6) pose for a picture after a successful day at the Merrick County Spelling Bee. Musgrave performed with excellence and won the spelling bee.

5. Riding the saddle swing at the pumpkin patch, Alexis Perry (3) poses for a picture. The elementary kids took a day off of school to go on a field trip to the Scarecrow Patch in St. Libory.

6. Micah Perdew (6) and Christian Strobel (6) sway together as they sing about friendship during the elementary's performance of

*The Lone Stranger* at the Performing Arts Center in Central City. Each year, the elementary puts on a Patch the Pirate play in the spring.

## Embracing Fun

What was your favorite activity this year?



"Solar eclipse day because we got to watch the moon come in front of the sun."

- Ali Rayne Williams (1)



"Pi day because I was taught by the high school students on how to divide."

- Kaley Krug (2)



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10. The elementary poses for a picture with KC Wolf during their time with him at Digging Deeper. The students enjoyed their time with Dan Meers, but they especially had fun when he was dressed up as the mascot.

11. Ava Merchant (2) carefully folds her paper while doing origami. The kids got to practice their origami skills at Digging Deeper during the art station.



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7. Richie Musgrave (6) transplants basil in the greenhouse. The upper elementary was able to go over to the greenhouse and assist the botany class. The students grew their own basil and thyme.

8. Alyssa Springer (5) and Grace Strong (6) measure out their piece of tape as they try to practically find the number of pi. Mr. Andy Falk, one of the high school math teachers, has hosted math day for the past six years.

9. Abby Berck (3) passes a marshmallow to Caleb Dieckmann (K) during the lower elementary's Easter party. Holiday parties, often run by parents, gave the students a chance to get out of the classroom and gave teachers a break.

# One Note

## Band Vastly Improves Throughout the Year

When walking across campus around 10:40 a.m., someone may hear something coming from the gym building that makes them want to curl up in a ball and cover their ears. No worries, though, it's only the band warming up and wetting their reeds.

Over the years, the Nebraska Christian band has worked hard to create a harmony to please the Lord (and hopefully the ears, too).

This year, having a larger group than in recent years brought in a ton of new musicians that had

either never played an instrument or were still new to the experience. This made it difficult to piece everything together, but the group slugged through, receiving a "one" rating at both Conference and District music. Jamie Myers (10) said, "This year, we had a lot of junior highs. It was hard at first because of the lack of experience, but the more we practiced, the better we got."

This year started at a clash of different sounds and crescendoed into a beautiful melody that anyone would be proud of.

- Madi Felt (11)

1. To give music for the volleyball team to warm up to, Lizzy Powers (8) plays in the pep band before a game. Pep band was a favorite for many in the band class.



2. The NC band plays "Pomp and Circumstance" for graduation. A humorous moment occurred when the band finished the song well before the seniors had finished marching in, due to some of the seniors walking more slowly than they had in rehearsal.



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5. Bryce Krieger (10) focuses intently on the music before him. Krieger contributed much to the band because of his ability to switch from one percussion instrument to another quickly.

6. (Front to back) Christopher Needham (10), Gabe Langemeier (7), Jacob Nokelby (7), Riley Schreiber (7) and Grant Stuhmer (9) play in band together. The trombone players enjoyed playing and getting to know each other.

3. Sarah Lasso (7) studies her music before she plays. The pieces tended to be more difficult for new players, which called for extra practice time.

4. Mr. Mike Flynn and Jessica Hilderbrand (12) work together to take attendance. Hilderbrand was a massive help to the band, participating in two different groups, playing a solo, and being a teacher's aid for Flynn.

## Instrumentals

What is your favorite piece to play?



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A collage of three images. The top image shows a student in a blue shirt playing a brass instrument. The middle image shows a student in a black shirt playing a brass instrument. The bottom image shows three students, two boys and one girl, playing brass instruments in a room with musical instruments and an American flag in the background.

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9. Amy Hilderbrand (10), Olivia Janssen (9), Marlie Mundt (7), Amanda Carlson (7), and Madi Felt (11) play together in the band for the spring concert. The annual concert gave friends and family a chance to listen to what the band and choir worked so hard on for Conference and District music.

10. Sophie Swanson (7), Kendyl Jividien (10), Marissa Fetterley (7), and Amy Springer (7) prepare to play together in the clarinet choir. The members had a lot of fun performing, as well as earning a "one" rating at Conference and Districts.

11. Giving his full attention to the music, Seth Hower (10) plays his tuba in band class. Hower also played the sousaphone and valve trombone as needed.

7. Gabe Langemeier (7) and Jacob Nokelby (7) play in the low brass ensemble during the Spring Concert. The group did really well, obtaining a "one" rating at both Conference and Districts, as well as receiving a Superior at Districts.

8. Warming up their saxophones, Reghan Flynn (7), Lizzy Powers (8), and Tyler Cumpston (8) tune together. Practices were vital to prepare the musicians for contests.

# One Voice

## Choir Makes a Joyful Noise unto the Lord

Participating in choir at Nebraska Christian offers students an opportunity to share Christ with the community through song. The choir enjoyed many opportunities to share the Gospel message this year through competition, concerts, and tours. Besides being able to share Christ in competition, the choir found much success with all musical groups receiving superior ratings at contest.

Although the choir achieved

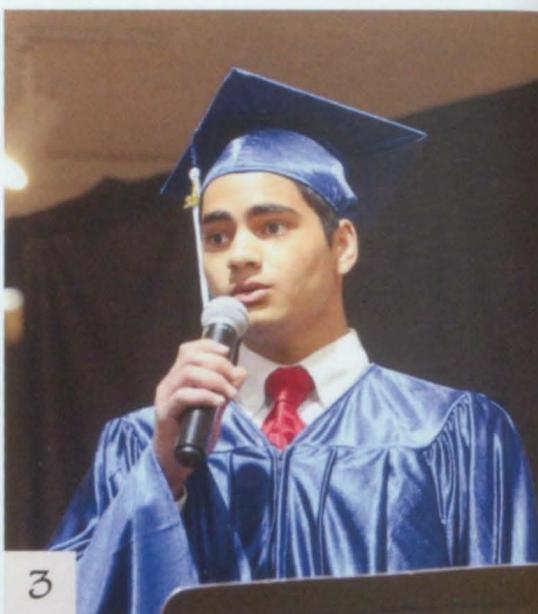
much success this year, **Mr. Mike Flynn** was always quick to remind the students the reason behind which they sing. **Kate Pipher (11)** summed this up, saying, *"Choir is a great way to demonstrate the joy we have in Christ. We can show through our faces and voices that we're grateful for Christ and we want to praise Him. I love how Mr. Flynn orients us around the gospel every day in class and gives us a reason to sing."*

- Katelynn Halstead (12)

1. Daniel Myers (12) and Danae Burdett (12) perform a duet during the spring concert. Earlier in the year, the duo's performance earned them a superior rating at the district music competition.



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2. Arwen Zhang (11) sings with the choir during graduation. Zhang also received the honor of leading the graduates in their processional to begin the ceremony.

3. Chase Tate (12) dazzles with a solo to commemorate his last performance with the Nebraska Christian choir. Both in the choir and Master's Musicians, Chase proved a leading force from within the bass section.

4. Lydia Toshimasu (10) enjoys a meal served on choir tour. The choir was blessed with delicious meals and opportunities to fellowship with church members after each tour performance.

5. Mr. Mike Flynn critiques the choir as they warm up to perform on choir tour. Flynn was the driving force behind Nebraska Christian's success in the music department.

6. Olivia Janssen (9) and Ben Janssen (11) touch the crowd with a sweet brother-sister duet at the spring concert. The pair found much success with their duet throughout the year.

## Traveling Around

*What was your favorite choir tour?*



"My favorite choir tour was when we went to Kearney. We sang a little, but we got to hang out as one huge choir and got to spend some awesome time with friends."

- Olivia Nyberg (10)



"My favorite choir tour was our very last tour. I don't remember all the places we visited, but this one stands out to me because Katelynn Halstead [(12)] and I sang a duet together."

- Chase Tate (12)



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9. The Master's Musicians keep graduation upbeat with a lively rendition of "Oh, Let Me Fly!" The Master's Musicians is a select ensemble for which students try-out.

10. The choir prepares to sing for a church congregation. During tours this year, the choir was able to visit many churches and share the mission behind Nebraska Christian Schools.

11. Toby Zaruba (9) and Ethan Burdett (9) make a joyful noise unto the Lord. This freshman pair was a great addition to the booming bass section.

7. Under the direction of Maestro Eric Knapp, the choir shares the Christmas message through song. Nebraska Christian, combined with surrounding schools, worked together to put on the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols.

8. Miss Kaity Flynn accompanies the choir on the piano during practice for the spring concert. Flynn was the sole accompanist for the choir, so she went with the choir on tour and to contests.

# One Script

## Drama Class Shoots for the Stars

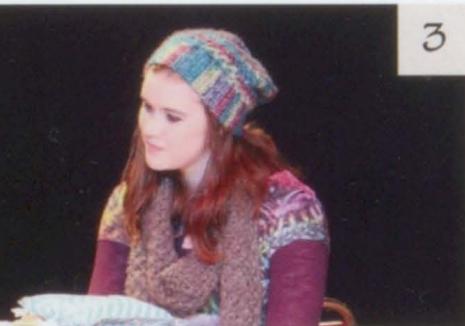
Picking a play during the One Act season is hard enough, but writing your own from scratch--now that's a different story. This year's One Act team took on the challenge and decided to write their own script. **Curt Bailey** (11) was given the task of being the main author, while the rest of the class helped with the plot and major details. *"I spent many midnight hours working on the play. There was no way I could have done it on my own without the support of my classmates and Mrs. [Karmen] Hamer. It was awesome for me to see a one-line story starter evolve into a full-blown One Act production,"* Bailey said.

In the end, the team came up with a script called *The Cycle*. The play is about a college student who gets a second chance to relive the day of his murder.

Following a rough conference performance where both leads were sick and unable to perform, the cast and crew placed eighth out of eight in the district competition. **Olivia Janssen** (9) said, *"I think we did well. We did our best, and we put on a good show. It was fun watching the other competitors perform."* It wasn't the placing they were anticipating, but they still had a blast performing and can't wait for next year's season.

- **Josie Maberry** (10)

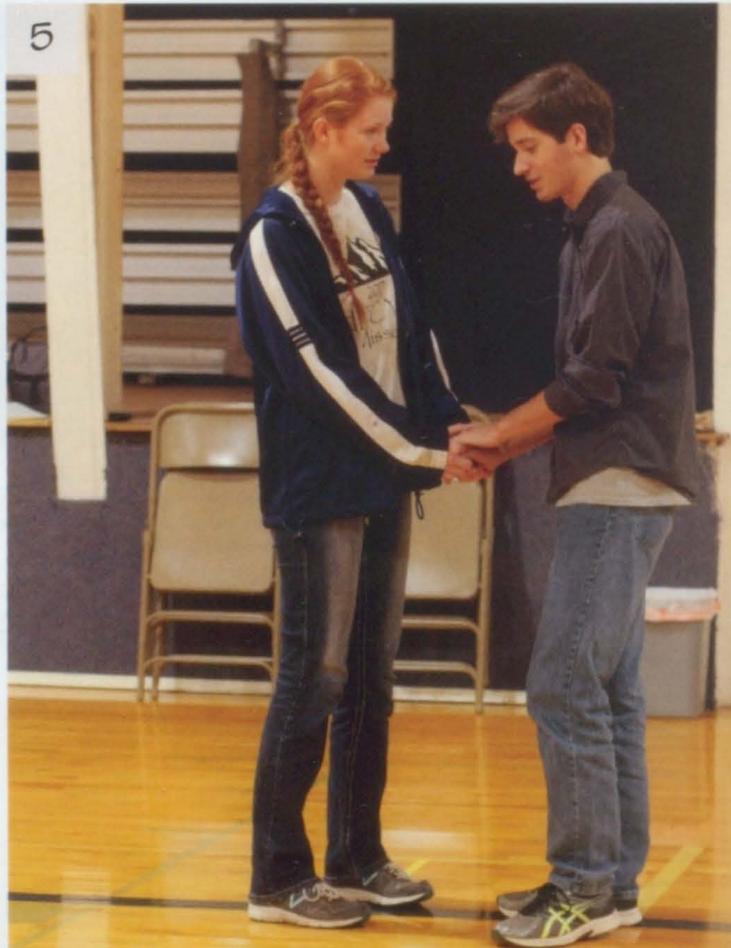
1. Madi Felt (11) works on Halle Strong's (11) hair before the district performance. Strong played an escaped convict who would murder both main characters in the first scene of the play.



2. Jada McHargue (11) puts Skylar Swantek's (11) hair into a braid before she takes the stage at the district performance. Swantek played the role of a police officer. McHargue worked as spotlight manager for the production.



4. Lydia Langemeier (12) pretends to teach from her history book during the classroom scene at the conference performance in Central City. She played a college professor.



5. Anna Musgrave (12) and Curt Bailey (11) practice portraying their heartfelt feelings of love to one another during rehearsal. Bailey played the main role, a college student named Peter, and Musgrave played his girlfriend, Amy.

## Understudies

Students step in to cover roles



"I actually felt sick once I found out I was taking Jon [Dockweiler (11)]'s part. I was nervous about getting my lines memorized that I hadn't learned yet."

- Brayden Gustafson (12)



"At first, Olivia [Janssen (9)] was actually going to take Anna [Musgrave (12)]'s place, but I stepped up and decided to play Amy instead. I was really nervous to perform, but it turned out fine in the end."

- Jessica Hilderbrand (12)



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6. Arwen Zhang (11) makes faces at the crowd to indicate that she is excited about the possible engagement of Peter and Amy at the conference performance. Zhang played a barista at Holy Grounds coffee shop.

7. Olivia Janssen (9) listens to Peter express his concerns about preventing his own murder during the conference performance. Janssen took on the role of Grace for this performance, but for the majority of the performances, she played a nurse at an assisted living home.



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8. Katie Nyberg (12) does final touch-ups to the coffee shop set at the district performance. Nyberg was part of the backstage crew for the performance.

9. Brayden Gustafson (12), Jon Dockweiler (11), and Micah Smith (12) listen to Mrs. Walton (Lydia Langemeier [12]) talk about the death of president Abraham Lincoln during the classroom scene at the conference performance. Both Dockweiler and Gustafson stepped up into their understudy roles for this performance.

10. Kate Pipher (11) does Brad Hilderbrand's (11) make-up before he takes the stage at the district performance. Hilderbrand's role of police officer provided some needed comic relief.

# One Delivery

## Speech Team Strives for Great Performances

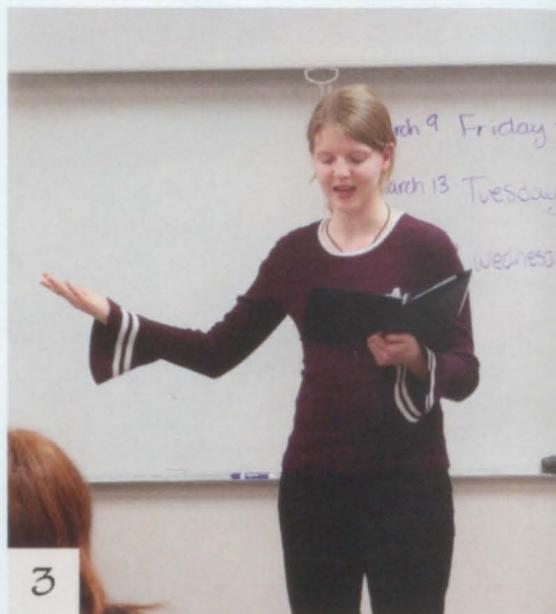
This year, the Nebraska Christian speech team looked a little different than it has in past years. For starters, the team was a little smaller than the program is used to, peaking at just over a dozen members. In addition, the team was comprised completely of girls, including both the head coach and assistant coaches. But though the contrast to previous teams was obvious, the group strove to achieve the same standard of one particular quality that they have developed each

year: encouragement.

Novice Halle Strong (11) commented, "This was my first year doing speech, and it really pushed me to step out of my comfort zone. It helped that I had a great team that encouraged each other." Junior Sara Royle mentioned that her favorite memories included "praying as a team." It is obvious that the speech team not only showed themselves to be excellent orators, but also Godly encouragers.

- Danae Burdett (12)

1. Making clear eye contact with the judge, Arwen Zhang (11) delivers her informative speech. Zhang's piece detailed her old school in her home country China and was a big success late in the season.



2. Juniors Madi Felt and Bekah Feddersen perform a rare comical scene in their otherwise serious OID. Written by Feddersen and Jessica Hilderbrand (12), the drama was a hard-hitting piece about the consequences of abortion.



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3. Cejay Mieth (11) dramatically delivers her poetry piece about her walk with Christ at the Showcase. Mieth was consistently unapologetic in sharing her testimony throughout the season.

4. Speaking to the gathered audience, Miss Rachel Hicks explains the format of the Speech Showcase. The Showcase was an opportunity for the community to see the team perform their speeches without having to travel to faraway meets.

5. Mrs. Trina Burdett introduces the next performer in her room at the Showcase. As the mother of senior team member Danae Burdett, Mrs. Burdett had ample knowledge of the activity, which she brought to her new role of assistant coach.

6. Josie Maberry (10) hugs Coach Rachel Hicks as she accepts her Boldness award at the Showcase. The team voted on multiple awards to give to certain team members.

## Speaking Up

What did you enjoy from the season?



"I am so thankful for the opportunities to talk about Mr. Dennis Sarfate, the American baseball player in Japan. I liked the team for its willingness to encourage each other."

- Lydia Toshimasu (10)



"I really enjoyed building friendships with the rest of the team and the luck of Jessica [Hilderbrand (12)]'s smiley head."

- Amy Hilderbrand (10)



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7. Senior Katie Nyberg gestures during her performance in order to make the character believable. Nyberg was an integral member of the speech team this season, bringing encouragement and humor.

8. Goldenrod Conference champions Arwen Zhang (11), Danae Burdett (12), and Katie Nyberg (12) pose with their medals. The conference meet at Spalding Academy had a great outcome for the team, ending in many medals and superior rankings.



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11. During a performance at Aurora High School, Josie Maberry (10) speaks to Olivia Janssen (9). The girls did a duet based on *Anne of Green Gables*, in which Janssen played the role of Anne, and Maberry played Miss Stacy.

9. Speech. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jessica Hilderbrand (12), Arwen Zhang (11), Josie Maberry (10). Row 2: Cejay Mieth (11), Halle Strong (11), Sara Royle (11), Katie Nyberg (12), Olivia Janssen (9), Amy Hilderbrand (10), Head Coach Rachel Hicks. Row 3: Assistant Coach Trina Burdett, Lydia Langemeier (12), Bekah Feddersen (11), Madi Felt (11), Danae Burdett (12), Lydia Toshimasu (10), Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris.

10. Junior Halle Strong's character rolls her eyes at Sara Royle (11). The OID in which they performed was about two women pretending to be friends, while their consciences told the audience what they really thought. In contrast to the other OID that performed this season, this group was an excellent comic relief.

# One Project

## Drawing unto the Lord

The 2017-2018 school year was a wonderful year for the art class, filled with spilled paint, smudged drawings, and time-consuming sculptures. Through it all, the students made great friendships and beautiful artwork.

**Melinda Kim (12)** said, "Art is my favorite class because I get to express my feelings and thoughts in very creative and healthy ways. It is always exciting to see how people bring different artworks even when we get the same project. I love art!"

Many people shared Kim's

enthusiasm about art. At the art contest, everybody had a great time looking at art, along with learning from an instructor how to make more beautiful new art. **Jordan Schnell (10)** said, "I enjoyed going to the art show and seeing all of the creative ideas the other schools had and seeing how our art placed." The majority of the students placed very well. All of the students enjoyed looking at each other's art work, along with the work of the other schools' students.

- Keziah Dexter (12)

**1.** Jon Dockweiler (11) works on his "Darth Vader Starry Night" artwork. Dockweiler used his tablet to create the imaginative piece combining *Star Wars* and Van Gogh's famous painting.



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**2.** Skylar Swantek (11), Stephanie Strobel (11), Keziah Dexter (12), Grace Langemeier (11), Jordan Schnell (11), and Katelynn Halstead (12) hold up a poster they made as an activity during the art show. It was a great activity for all.

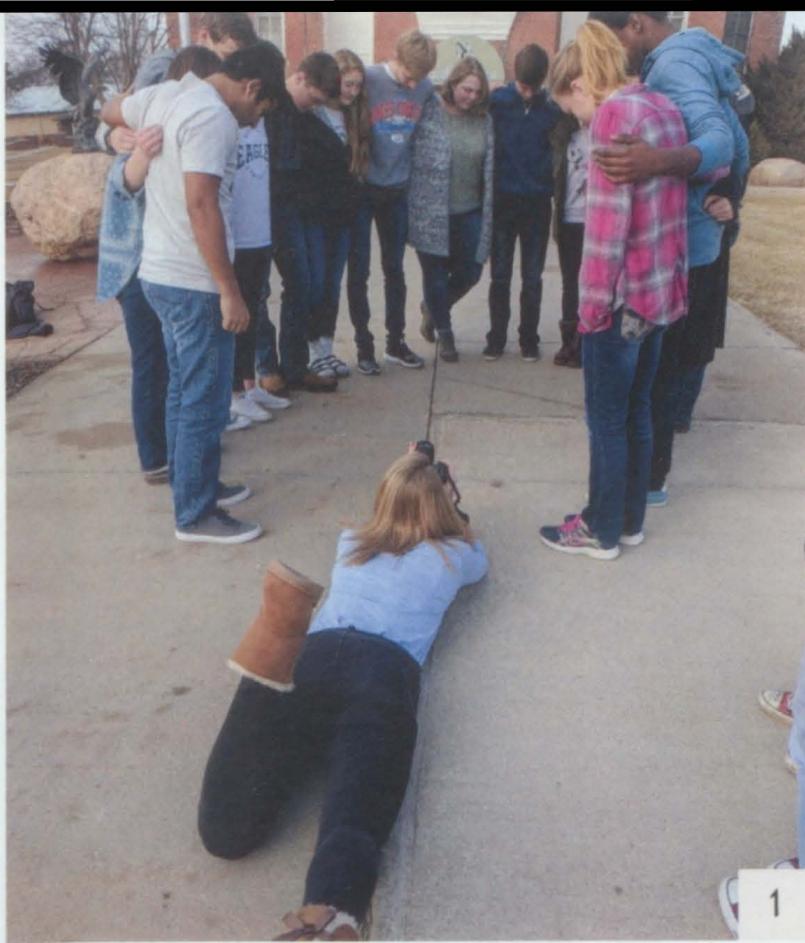
**3.** Mrs. Renate Johansen helps Sharon Yu (12) with a grid for her portrait. Making a grid on top of the picture allows the artist to draw a more accurate and precise picture.

**4.** Sonya Wu (12) and Melinda Kim (12) draw on their grid drawings. The girls enjoyed learning different art techniques.

**5.** Skylar Swantek (11) holds up her art at the art show. The lamb won best of show at the contest.

**6.** Katelynn Halstead (12) and Grace Langemeier (11) look at the art at the art show. Students enjoyed viewing the creative projects and got ideas for their own future projects, as well.





1. Katelynn Halstead (12) poses a few students for a photo shoot in front of the Administration building. The yearbook class was trying to come up with a cover for the yearbook, and this was one of many photos taken during their quest.

2. Cream Masatit (12) works on her spread using a laptop. Because the yearbook staff was so large, the CAD lab couldn't accommodate everyone, which made the portable lab a lifesaver.

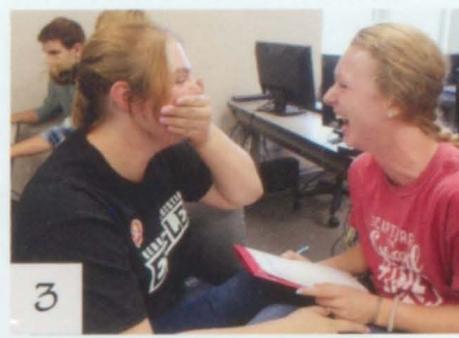
3. Keziah Dexter (12) and Katelynn Halstead (12) discuss plans for the yearbook cover. The class spent a lot of time trying to decide on the perfect cover.

4. Yearbook. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Cream Masatit (12), Melinda Kim (12), Josie Maberry (10), Kindra Watson (10). Row 2: Katelynn Halstead (12), Keziah Dexter (12), Danae Burdett (12), Carsyn Ostrand (11), Madi Felt (11), Corryn Falk (12). Row 3: Connor Lovejoy (9), Daniel Myers (12), Brennan Nokelby (12), Joel Poppe (12), Tim Hofmann (12).

5. Joel Poppe (12), Tim Hofmann (12), Kindra Watson (10), Madison Felt (11), and Brennan Nokelby (12) sit around the desk playing cards the week of the Festival of Lessons & Carols. Students not involved in the Festival had many study halls while the other students were in rehearsals.



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6. Danae Burdett (12) sits at her computer, proofreading a spread in yearbook class. Burdett was the editor for the yearbook, and every page went through her before it hit the printing press.

In preparation for creating this year's yearbook, the class first had to decide on a theme. Though many ideas (both good and bad) were presented, it was a little more difficult this year to decide which theme would most accurately represent the student body in the 2017-2018 school year. Fortunately for the class, they received some support from the Walsworth representative, Keith McCoy. One member of the class, **Katelynn Halstead (12)** said, *"It was difficult agreeing on a theme that truly captured the atmosphere*

*of our school. However, with a little team work from the yearbook staff and a little help from our Walsworth rep Keith, we were able to pick the perfect theme for our yearbook."*

After finally establishing the theme of *Many: One*, the yearbook staff began working to make this yearbook special. Throughout the book are examples of these students' diligence, and they are very excited to share the finished 2017-2018 *Reflector* with their classmates and teachers.

- Keziah Dexter (12)  
and Danae Burdett (12)

# One Story

# One Council

## Creating Community

At the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the student body elected Sam Twogood (12), Tim Hofmann (12), Brennan Nokelby (12), Danae Burdett (12), Curt Bailey (11), and Jon Dockweiler (11) as their student council officers. StuCo is a place to learn and practice good leadership skills.

*"On StuCo, one gets to make big decisions regarding student life, pep rallies, and related events. StuCo builds leadership skills through delegation, as well as learning to receive constructive criticism. I*

*would recommend a position on Student Council not only because it builds a resume, but also because it grants an opportunity to grow as a leader and an individual," Burdett explained.*

StuCo organizes many events that help break the normal routine of a student. "Organizing the Winter Olympics was more difficult than most events because it took place over a long period of time," Nokelby said. The Student Council of 2018 did its job well, building community among NC students through fun activities.

- Kindra Watson (10)



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2. Council members Tim Hofmann (12), Curt Bailey (11), Brennan Nokelby (12), and Danae Burdett (12) discuss the coming school year during one of numerous summer meetings. They had to put a lot of time and effort into creating the school community.

3. Secretary Tim Hofmann (12) questions Katie Nyberg (12) during the NC Winter Olympics pep rally. The student council interviewed one person from each of the winter activities, and Nyberg was the chosen speech representative.

4. Molly Griess (8) holds Danae Burdett's (12) hand while Burdett gives blood during StuCo's blood drive. Griess served as the eighth grade president, which made her a member of the student council.

5. Student Council President Sam Twogood (12) introduces the E-Group Olympics, a multi-week event that ran in February. As leader of the entire student body, Twogood was able to exercise his leadership abilities on a larger scale.

6. Jon Dockweiler (11) and Sam Twogood (12) prepare an activity for the volleyball send off. Although the activities that StuCo put on involved a lot of work and thought, they always came off smoothly and full of fun.

1. Senior Class President Danae Burdett (12) interviews freshman Elijah Boersen as part of the Homecoming pep rally as the football team looks on. The pep rally was one of the many events that StuCo put on to help build school unity.



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1. Curt Bailey (11), Brennan Nokelby (12), Ben Janssen (11), Kate Pipher (11) and Danae Burdett (12) discuss strategy with their coach, Mrs. Dee Flynn. They worked hard this year answering questions for Quiz Bowl.

2. Connor Lovejoy (9), Christopher Needham (10), and Micah Smith (12) converse during a Quiz Bowl meet. The breaks between rounds became a good time to build friendships.

3. The junior high quiz bowl team, including Aidan Feely (8), Tyler Cumpston (8), Ethan Merchant (8), Nehemiah Peters (8), Jonathan Needham (8) and Elijah Peters (7), stands ready to answer questions. The team won the Goldenrod Conference Junior High Quiz Bowl.

4. The Junior High Quiz Bowl teammates quickly discuss a question before answering. They held practice during lunch with their coach Mrs. Tara Mundt to prepare for these kinds of moments.

5. *High School Quiz Bowl.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Head Coach Dee Flynn, Ben Janssen (11), Arwen Zhang (11), Olivia Janssen (9), Danae Burdett (12), Connor Lovejoy (9). Row 2: Christopher Needham (10), Curt Bailey (11), Brennan Nokelby (12), Micah Smith (12), Kate Pipher (11).



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6. The quiz bowl team readies to answer a question at districts. The team placed third this year at districts, just missing a trip to state.

## Students Test Their Knowledge

Quiz Bowl: an activity to test student's knowledge. A place where the brain has to be faster than the hand. This year Nebraska Christian students worked hard to learn as much as they could before Quiz Bowl meets. Meeting almost every Friday morning, the high school students diligently practiced answering questions. "Quiz Bowl gives me a chance to use the mind that God gave me. It's a competition not dealing with athletics, but with knowledge. I

tend to enjoy things like that," Christopher Needham (10) explained. "The hardest part of Quiz Bowl is its unpredictability. You don't know which topics will be covered. Under pressure for a short amount of time, anything can happen. But I've learned a lot and have a better feel for the rules," Olivia Janssen (9) said.

Quiz Bowl is harder than most people think, but this year the students tested their knowledge and represented NC well.

- Kindra Watson (10)

# One Answer

# One Task

## First NC Robotics Team a Success

This year Nebraska Christian had the privilege to start a robotics club with two divisions: junior and senior high. Both the junior and senior high teams did very well their first year, and the junior high team even qualified for the U.S. Open in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

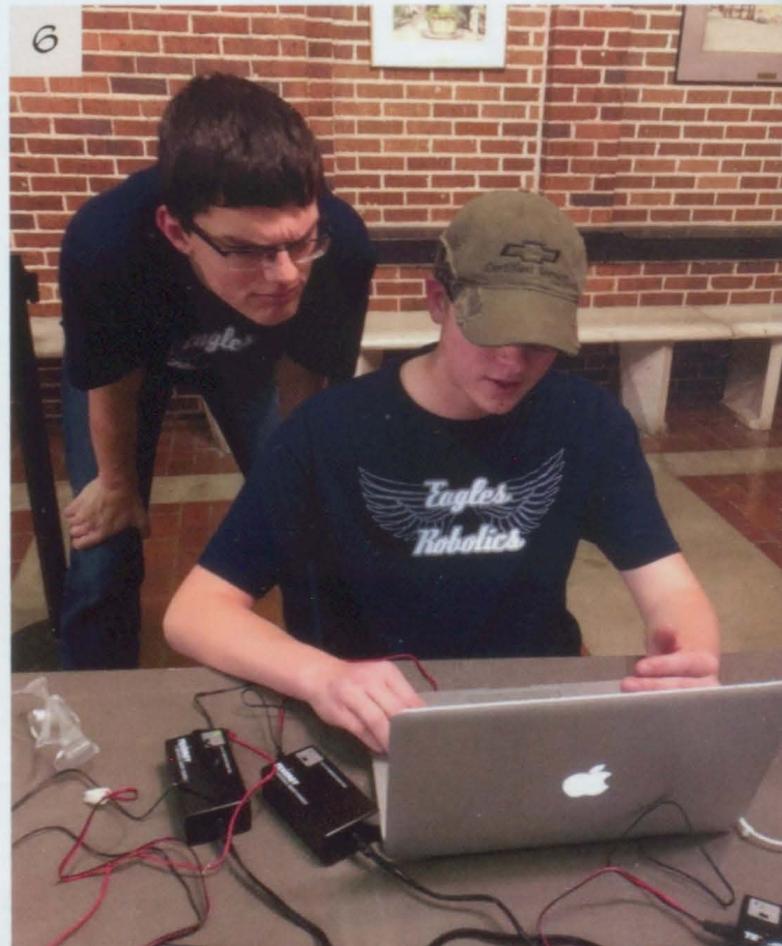
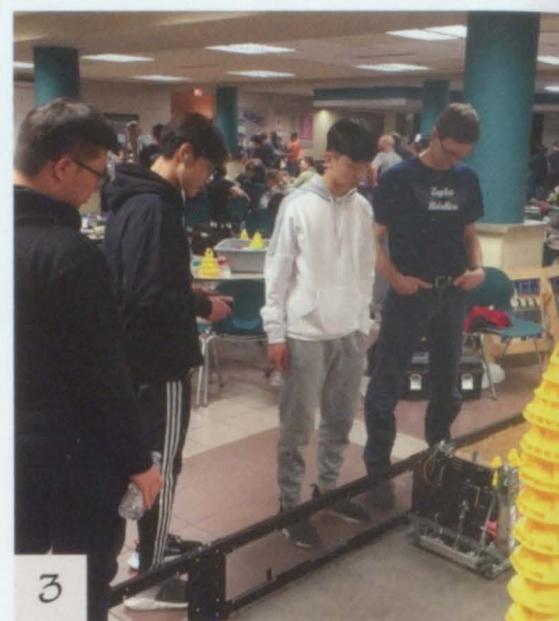
**Amanda Carlson (7)**, a member of the national qualifying junior high team, commented on her favorite thing about Robotics

Club, saying, "During a round, teams are competitive, but while we're in the pits people are willing to help each other."

**Connor Lovejoy (9)** said his favorite thing about robotics is "the programming aspect of robotics, just trouble-shooting things to get them to work" Robotics is a great activity, full of great kids that look forward to next year.

- Keziah Dexter (12)

**1. Junior High Robotics Team.** From left: Aidan Feely (8), Cooper Schnell (7), Jonathan Needham (8), Tyler Cumpston (8), Amanda Carlson (7). The junior high team was the 2018 Benson Magnet Open Robotics Tournament Champion. (Not pictured: Coach Gary Needham.)



**2. Senior High Robotics Team.** From left: Christopher Needham (10), Barry Zhang (11), Sam Qu (10), Connor Lovejoy (9), Micah Smith (12), Josh Strong (9), Kevin Yu (11). Not pictured: Coach Gary Needham.

**3. Barry Zhang (11), Sam Qu (10), Kevin Yu (11), and Mr. Don Smith** look at the club's robot before the meet. Testing and inspecting the robots must always be done before participating in an event.

**4. Amanda Carlson (7)** prepares the robot for a demonstration during the Student Council send off for the junior high team. The team qualified for nationals in Council Bluffs and placed 23rd out of 60 teams.

**5. Aidan Feely (8), Cooper Schnell (7), Jonathan Needham (8), Tyler Cumpston (8), and Amanda Carlson (7)** work on their robot. The junior high team worked very hard on building and making improvements to their robot, as well as programming it.

**6. Micah Smith (12) and Connor Lovejoy (9)** work on programming for their robot.

Robotics requires competitors to build a robot as well as do the programming for it.



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1. *Student Council.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Danae Burdett (12), Molly Griess (8), Garrett Nokelby (10), Timothy Hofmann (12), Will Twogood (7). Row 2: Curt Bailey (11), Samuel Twogood (12), Brennan Nokelby (12), Jon Dockweiler (11), Grant Stuhmer (9). Not pictured: Adviser Becky Ritta.

2. *Drama.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Skylar Swantek (11), Halle Strong (11), Arwen Zhang (11), Brad Hilderbrand (11), Joshua Strong (9). Row 2: Cejay Mieth (11), Olivia Janssen (10), Amy Hilderbrand (10), Katie Nyberg (12), Jada McHargue (11), Josie Maberry (10). Row 3: Brayden Gustafson (12), Lydia Langemeier (12), Bekah Feddersen (11), Anna Musgrave (12), Kate Pipher (11), Jon Dockweiler (11), Curt Bailey (11), Micah Smith (12). Not pictured: Coach Karmen Hamer.

3. *Choir.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Sara Royle (11), Tainsley Sebek (11), Charlotte Wang (9), Halle Strong (11), Ben Janssen\* (11), Gabe Hünenfeld (9), Toby Zaruba (9), Ethan Burdett (9), Stephanie Strobel\* (10), Arwen Zhang (11), Shelby Swanson (9), Sarah Farritor (11). Row 2: Rebekah Feddersen\* (11), Skylar Swantek (11), Olivia Janssen\* (9), Cejay Mieth (11), Lydia Toshimatsu (10), Curt Bailey (11), Keith Wasoni (10), Garrett Swantek (10), Clay Purkerson\* (10), Aidan Pipher (9), Kate Pipher (11), Alison Winsterman (11), Tenny Sebek (9). Row 3: Linh Nguyen (11), Talia Parlante (10), Olivia Nyberg (10), Grace Langemeier (10), Christopher Needham (10), Garrett Nokelby\* (10). Row 4: Jessica Hilderbrand (12), Danae Burdett\* (12), Anna Musgrave\* (12), Andrew Feely\* (12), Daniel Myers\* (12), Hieu Nguyen (12), Landon Barcel (12), Nick Vuong (12), Chase Tate\* (12), Luke Swanson\* (12), Katie Nyberg (12), Katelynn Halstead\* (12), Melinda Kim\* (12), Clara Chon (12), Cream Masatit\* (12). Not pictured: Director Mike Flynn, Elijah Green (9), Kalob Green (9), Cory Ruybalid\* (10), Grant Stuhmer (9). \* indicates Master's Musicians

4. *Junior High Quiz Bowl.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Ethan Merchant (8), Tyler Cumpston (8). Row 2: Stone Swantek (8), Elijah Peters (7), Nehemiah Peters (8), Chantz Stuhmer (8), Aidan Feely (8), Jonathan Needham (8), Will Twogood (7), Molly Griess (8), Coach Tara Mundt.

5. *Band.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Amy Hilderbrand (10), Marlie Mundt (7), Amanda Carlson (7), Olivia Janssen (9), Lydia Langemeier (12). Row 2: Marisa Fetterley (7), Teagan Haynes (8), Sophie Swanson (7), Kendyl Jividen (10), Jessica Hilderbrand (12), Melinda Kim (12), Clara Chon (12), Til Lyu (11). Row 3: Micah Smith (12), Chantz Stuhmer (8), Tug Burdett (7), Jamie Myers (10), Shelby Swanson (9), Will Twogood (7), Aidan Feely (8), Malachi Zaruba (7). Row 4: Tyler Cumpston (8), Andrew Feely (12), Lizzy Powers (8), Reghan Flynn (7), Amy Springer (7). Row 5: Madi Felt (11), Molly Griess (8), Sarah Lasso (7), Daniel Musgrave (8), Grant Stuhmer (9), Christopher Needham (10), Gabe Langemeier (7), Jacob Nokelby (7). Row 6: Ethan Merchant (8), Jonathan Needham (8), Seth Hower (10), Bryce Krieger (10), Charlie Cheng (8). Not pictured: Director Mike Flynn, Link Lin (8).

6. *National Honor Society.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Corryn Falk (12), Claire Ostrand (12), Arwen Zhang (11), Cream Masatit (12), Skylar Swantek (11), Clara Chon (12). Row 2: Ben Janssen (11), Tim Hofmann (10), Alison Winsterman (11), Katelynn Halstead (12), Danae Burdett (12), Sara Royle (11), Michelle Huang (11), Kate Pipher (11). Row 3: Ben Griess (12), Luke Swanson (12), Sam Twogood (12), Brennan Nokelby (12), Andrew Feely (12), Anna Musgrave (12). Not pictured: Adviser Rachel Hicks.

# One Activity

Group Pictures



## Many Athletes: One Team

### Teammates Bond through Athletics

Athletics bring people together in a way that no other activity can. Spending countless hours with teammates who are all trying to attain a goal can be challenging. The key to success is having all those teammates striving for the same goal. At Nebraska Christian, the main goal is to glorify God, be it on the court, the field, or the track. Students attempt to glorify God and let the scoreboard take care of itself.

High school sports are unique as players go through the ups and downs of a strenuous season, cherishing all the moments along the way--because in a flash, it will all be over. Students don't remember the final scores of every game they have ever played, but they do remember the tiny moments of spending time in a locker room, on a bus, or even in a hotel, waiting impatiently for their next game to begin.

Sports Theme

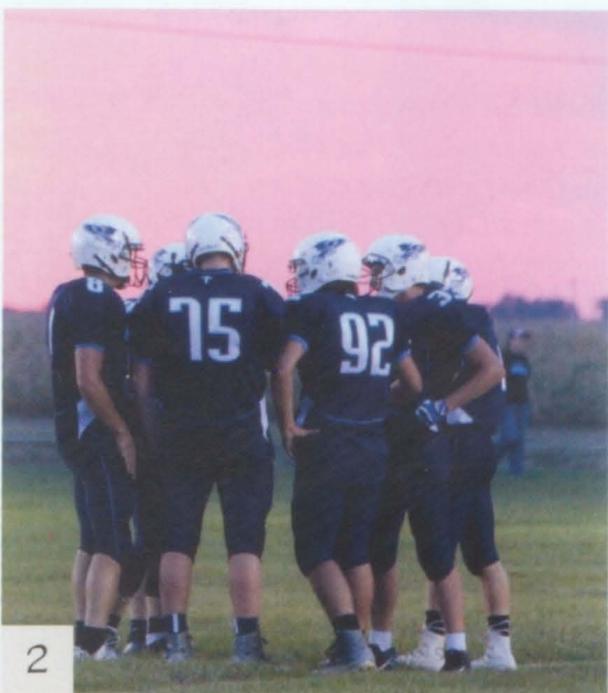
Three sport participant Claire Ostrand (12) describes one of her favorite moments as an athlete: *"Going to state volleyball my senior year was an amazing experience that I will treasure forever. I had always hoped we would make it to state, and I was so thankful for this opportunity."* Sports also provide a great opportunity for lessons to be learned at every corner. *"The biggest thing that I have taken out of sports is the hard work and perseverance required to succeed. The most enjoyable outcome of working hard and pushing yourself is seeing how much better you become individually and as a team,"* said Ben Griess (12).

No matter if a person is the star player or a bench warmer, athletics provide lessons, relationships, and memories that are not found elsewhere.

- Tim Hofmann (12)



1. The NC volleyball team celebrates match point at sub-state, which sent the Lady Eagles to the state tournament. The team capped off the best season in school history with an undefeated regular season and a fourth place finish at state.



4. Katelynn Halstead (12) sticks the landing during the long jump at the High Plains Invite. Halstead enjoyed jumping with her counterpart Grace Langemeier (10) and had much success in the jumps this season.

5. Ben Griess (12), Seth Hower (10), Head Coach Paul McHargue, Tim Hofmann (12), Joel Poppe (12), and Cody Griess (11) celebrate Toby Watson's (11) half-court shot against Heartland Lutheran. The boys basketball team had a lot of fun during an up and down season.

## Lessons & Memories



"[Playing] sports has taught me how to be a good teammate and a better person. In junior high especially, everyone's skill levels vary quite a bit, so that taught me not only patience, but also to encourage and not get jealous when someone's better than you at something."

- Molly Griess (8)



"The inability to play sports last year has made me thankful for the opportunities I have now."

- Grace Langemeier (10)



"My favorite memory was definitely the intensity of the overtime game against Fullerton my freshman year in football, which we won 20-18."

- Justin Brock (11)

2. The NC offense huddles for the next play in the game against Heartland. The football team struggled throughout the season but stuck together and made some great memories along the way.

3. Wrestlers relax around their coaches in the middle of their meet. Wrestling meets could be long and grueling, so it was nice for the wrestlers to get some down time during the meets.

# One Play

## Not Just a Team: a Family

The 2017 football season was incredibly tough due to the quality of Nebraska Christian's opponents. Six of the eight teams on the Eagles' schedule all qualified for playoffs with a combined regular season record of 38-9. Though small, NC never backed down from any team they faced during the season. The Eagles knew they were undersized compared to other teams, but that did not stop them from accomplishing their goals during practice and in games. The upperclassmen worked hard to lead and encourage the younger players during the season.

About his last year of high school football, **Tim Hofmann (12)** said, "It was a special experience. We didn't have the type of season we were looking for, but this season brought the guys together, and I am thankful for each and every one of the players and coaches."

The Eagles overcame some big obstacles during the season, including losing junior starting running back **Jake Twogood** to an ACL injury. The Eagles were without

Twogood for the final two games. "When I heard the results of the MRI that told me my ACL was torn, I was pretty bummed out. But, I knew that it was all a part of God's plan. I was grateful for the time I had this year, and was encouraged by the fact that I still have another year of football," said Twogood.

As the clock ticked down the final seconds of the team's last game, many teammates were disappointed that the year had come to an end. **Joel Kaczor (12)** said, "This football season was pretty fun even though we only won two out of the eight games we had. I'm thankful for the coaches we had; they made sure we were playing our hardest, but, most importantly, they taught us how to be godly men and how to be good leaders."

Next year, the Eagles will be playoff eligible for the first time in four years. The seniors never got the chance to be in a playoff game, they were able to motivate and give some pointers to next year's seniors about leadership and encouragement.

- Joel Poppe(12)



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## Overcoming

What is one time you persevered this season?



"This year, when we were playing Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family, our team started off in a rut. They had some good offensive runs against us, but we kept fighting their momentum and won the game by two points."

- Sam Twogood (12)



"This year has been a little difficult. I messed up my hip again for the second year in a row, and I have been restrained because of that injury. Through all this, I have learned dependency on God. It is frustrating not being able to do what I want to do all the time, but God has a plan, and I will trust him."

- Luke Swanson (12)



2. #92 Justin Brock (11) looks for a Heartland defender to block during a play. Brock played defensive line in Junior Varsity and offensive line in Varsity.



1. Ready, set, and focused, quarterback #15 Ben Griess (12) yells, as #33 Sam Twogood (12), #75 Seth Hower (10), and #7 Jake Twogood (11) are in set formation for the next play during their game at Palmer. When it came to game time, the Eagles were motivated and ready for anything coming their way.

3. Coach David Gee prepares his special teams crew for a kickoff return. Gee worked with backs, defensive ends, and special team groups.



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6. Junior outside backer #22 Toby Watson plays defense during a Varsity game. Watson was a huge contributor on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball.

7. #8 Joel Kaczor (12), #32 Luke Swanson (12), and #18 Garrett Swantek (10) watch and wait for the next play to begin. Kaczor, Swanson, and Swantek brought aggression and intensity to the field.

8. Awaiting the kickoff, #9 Aidan Pipher (9) stays ready to make a play, while #92 Justin Brock (11) runs up to kick the ball. JV games were a great opportunity for players who didn't get as much playing time in varsity games.

Boys' Football

4. Looking for open space, #1 Elijah Boersen (9) carries the ball during a Junior Varsity game. Boersen had lots of playing time not only during JV games but in Varsity games also.

5. Coach Carl Ostrand gives quarterback #15 Ben Griess (12) a play to run during an offensive possession. Playing quarterback required much experience and knowledge of plays, and Griess was able to handle it.



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## Score box

Guardian Angels Central Catholic	12-32
Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family	32-30
Elm Creek	8-48
Heartland	26-38
Nebraska Lutheran	22-50
Palmer	6-30
High Plains	50-16
East Butler	8-44

Varsity Record: 2-6  
JV Record: 1-2



# One Unit

## Volleyball Team Fights For Each Other

When a volleyball game begins, there are not just six players on the court; instead there is one team--a unit. Playing together as one is an important component of a successful volleyball team. This is one of the things that helped the Lady Eagles have an outstanding season, never losing a game in the regular season. Unity took them far, even all the way to state. But every team is not without its struggles, and between sprained ankles, pulled muscles, and illness, the NC Eagles had their hands full. A volleyball team is also not without leaders, and this year the team was full of them. With five strong seniors, they were prepared to fight, and fight they did--every game. The team had fewer members than in years past, but that did not stop them. They fought for each win and never lost a game in the regular season.

Coach Tonya Ostrand had high hopes for this year's volleyball team, and she was not disappointed. Ostrand said, "*I never had a team before who got along so well, and it helped the team in their triumphs and their*

*struggles.*" It did not matter to the girls if they were on the court or on the bench. Playing with each other and for each other was their main focus, no matter what their role was. Grace Langemeier (10) said, "*It was a fun season. I felt like we bonded well, like a family.*"

The players had a great time both on and off the court, making great memories and friends. "*Being with the team and cheering on my teammates were my favorite memories of this season. I was also happy I was able to get to know [all] the American girls so much better,*" Cream Masatit (12) said. She was the only international student on the 2017 team.

While the season didn't end as the team hoped, the 2017 Eagles' 4th place finish is nothing to be ashamed of. Just making it to state was an amazing experience. Only one team in NC history had made it to state before them (in 1986). All in all, the NC volleyball team had a great, record-breaking season.

- Kindra Watson (10)

## Favorite Moment

*What was the highlight of your season?*



"My favorite part of this volleyball season was the friendships I made with the girls. It was unforgettable and so much fun being around them. The Lord truly blessed us with great friends, teammates and coaches. It was a memorable time that I will cherish forever."

- Claire Ostrand (12)



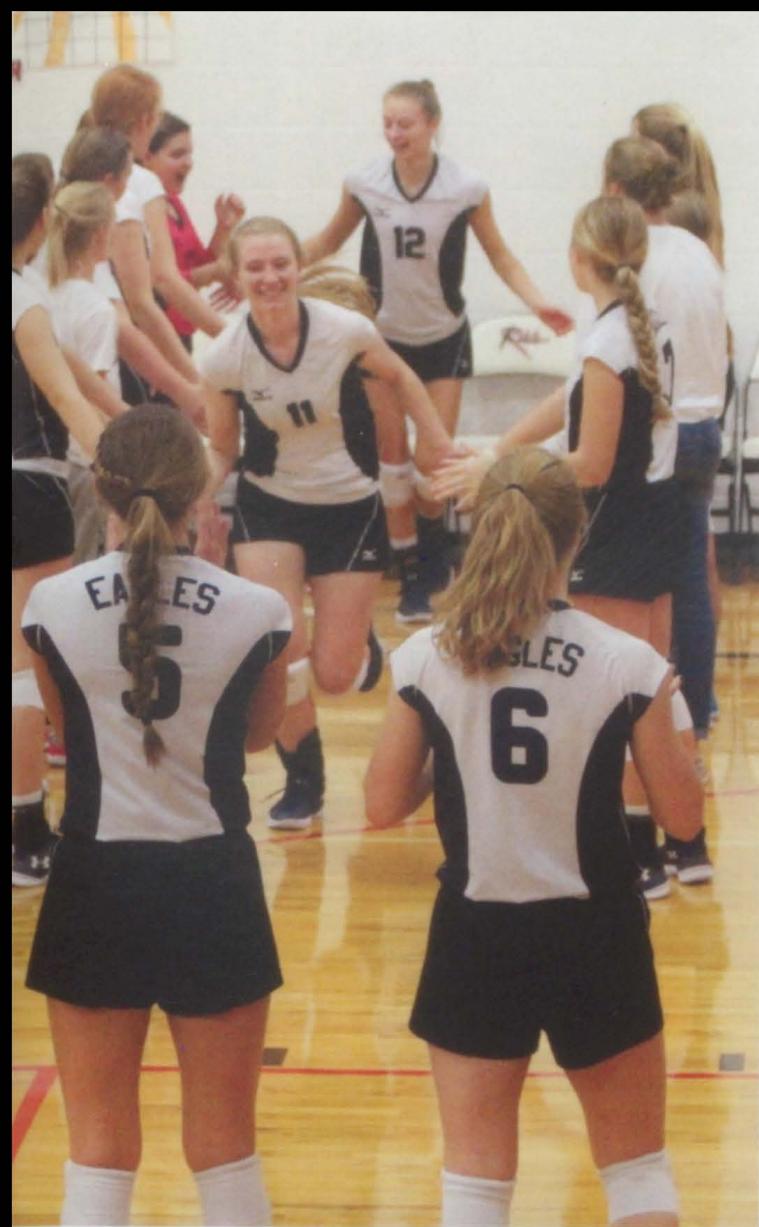
"My favorite moment was when we beat Burwell and headed to state. The atmosphere at that game was full of energy and super fun to play in."

- Corryn Falk (12)



2. Coach Tonya Ostrand talks to her players during state. Although state did not go as the team hoped, the over-all experience of state was exciting and enjoyable for the volleyball team.

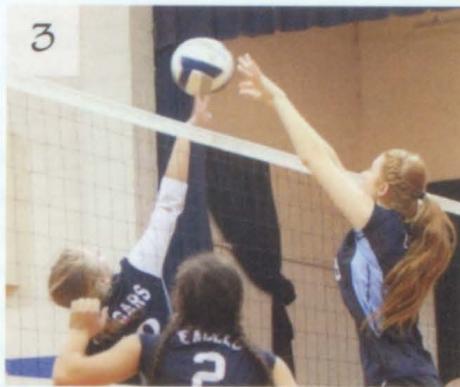




1. Corryn Falk (12) and Carsyn Ostrand (11) run past their teammates to some of the other starters before the beginning of the Arcadia-Loup City game. The team went on to win the game.

3. Anna Musgrave (12) blocks the ball against Central Valley. Musgrave's high hands were a strong part of the JV defense.

4. Claire Ostrand (12) goes up for a kill during the district match against Burwell. Ostrand led the team with her powerful swings.



7. Katelynn Halstead (12) tips the volleyball during the state semifinals versus Superior. Halstead said, "I really enjoyed the bond I created with my team this year. They weren't just teammates, but also sisters."



8. The JV Lady Eagles cheer after earning a point. JV games were a fun and relaxed experience for the volleyball players.



5. Grace Langemeier (10) puts up a block as her teammates cover her. The Lady Eagles played well in the game against Ponca, earning them their first win at state.

6. During a JV game, Kate Pipher (11) spikes the ball over the net. Pipher played as a middle hitter in JV games.



## score box

Heartland Lutheran	2-0	Osceola	2-1
Palmer	2-0	St. Edward	2-0
NE Lutheran	3-0	Fullerton	3-0
High Plains	3-0	Central Valley	3-0
Central Valley	2-0	St. Francis	3-0
Burwell	2-0	Riverside	2-0
Lexington	2-0	Arcadia	3-0
Platteview	2-1	Central City	2-0
Hastings	2-1	Broken Bow	2-1
Boone Central	2-0	Gibbon	3-2
Lakeview	2-0	Centennial	3-0
Riverside	2-0	Cross County	3-0
Elgin	2-0	Burwell	3-0
Centura	3-0	Ponca	3-0
Heartland Lutheran	2-0	Superior	0-3
Spalding Academy	2-0	Stanton	0-3
Fullerton	3-0		

Varsity Record: 30-2  
JV Record: 9-0

# One Run

## Cross Country Team Improves Over the Year

Cross Country pushes many students to their physical and mental limits. This year was no different for the team. The group persevered through the tough times of hard practices, meets that didn't go as planned, and unforeseen setbacks. Teammates pushed through the difficult trials together with one goal: glorifying the Lord.

The girls team this year produced many runners that improved drastically throughout the year, dropping minutes off their times as the season progressed. They bonded and progressed though training and meets in tough weather by placing third at the conference meet in Burwell.

The boys had a lot of success as a team later in the season, winning the St. Cecilia invite, as well as their third straight Goldenrod Conference meet. However, they had a tough ending to the season, placing fourth at districts when only the top three teams go to the state meet. **Brennan**

**Nokelby (12)** placed third at the meet, which allowed him to qualify for the state meet for the fourth consecutive year.

Many of the memories made by the team were off the course. **Josie Maberry (10)** said the funniest memory of the season was "*probably witnessing Arwen [Zhang (11)] try beef jerky for the first time. After she tried it, she ate the whole bag.*"

Just like the girls, the boys had some fun. According to **Jon Dockweiler (11)**, the funniest part of the season happened "*on pre-meet days [when] we just had to run three miles, which isn't as far compared to other workouts. These easy workouts were filled with shenanigans and were a complete blast to be a part of.*"

Overall, both teams had a fantastic season, building relationships with each other and the Lord, as well as conditioning their minds and bodies for incredibly tough races.

- **Brennan Nokelby (12)**



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## Ups and Downs

*Describe the highs and lows of your season*



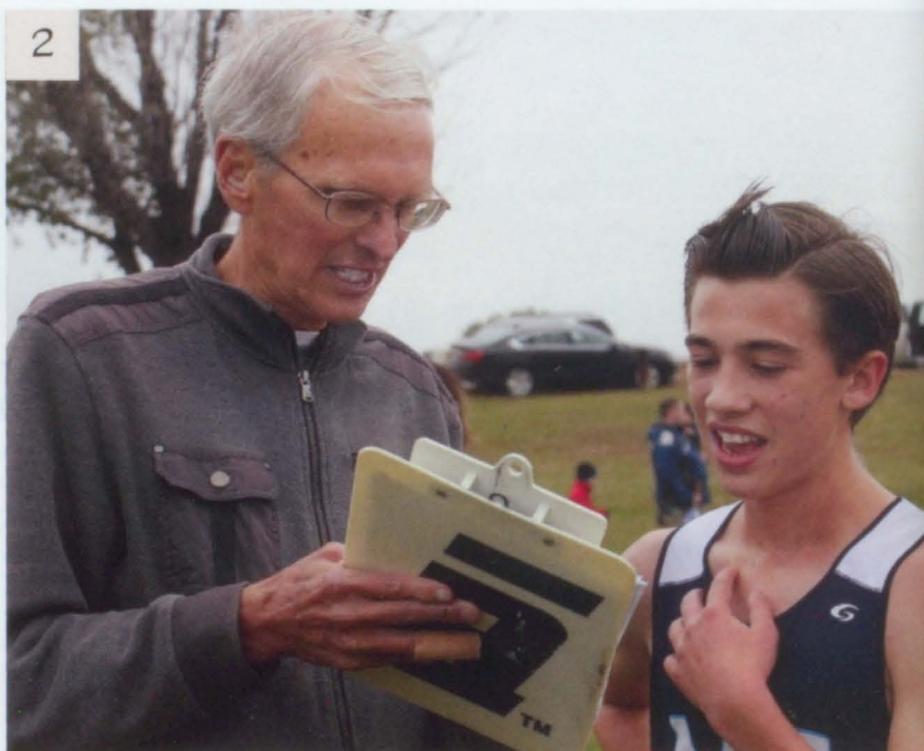
"This year was amazing! People worked hard and faced obstacles with an incredible amount of determination. That's the biggest theme I'd pull out from this year: courage. We had several first-year runners who were very hesitant but wound up loving XC by the end of the year. Our seniors led the team with Christ-like character and pressed on even when the meets didn't go so well."

- **Curt Bailey (11)**



"This year there was a lot of improvement. We had quite a few people [whose] times made huge jumps. The hard work and encouragement during practices were a major factor in that. Even though the girls team wasn't all-star, we did our best for the Lord, and that is all we could ask for."

- **Halle Strong (11)**



2. Coach Scott Johnson shows Clay Purkerson (10) his time after the Conference meet in Burwell. Purkerson ran a sub-20 minute 5k to earn himself a letter at the meet. Constantly improving over the whole season after never running distance before, Purkerson pushed many of the other runners in meets and practice.



1. Laura Carlson (11), Katie Nyberg (12), Shelby Swanson (9), and Halle Strong (11) ready themselves for a race at the Aurora invite. The girls had a smaller team this year and this allowed them to grow close as teammates and friends.

3. Arwen Zhang (11) finishes with a strong sprint at the Goldenrod Conference meet in Burwell. Zhang improved the most of any runner on either team throughout the season and got a 15th place medal at Conference.

4. The boys team, including Jon Dockweiler (11), Brennan Nokelby (12), Curt Bailey (11), Clay Purkerson (10), and Ben Janssen (11), continues the team tradition of praying before meets. Prayer kept the runners in the right mindset through their races.



7. Longtime cross country runner Katie Nyberg (12) competes in her final conference race. Nyberg was a valuable team leader this year by promoting after practice stretching and core work.

8. Second-year runner Ryan Dexter (11) strides in the second meet of the year. After running in his freshman year, Dexter did not go out as a sophomore but became a crucial part of the team during his junior season.



5. Teammates Curt Bailey (11) and Ben Janssen (11) push each other through the toughest part of the race. Janssen and Bailey worked extremely hard during the season to make the team better.

6. Laura Carlson (11) keeps herself relaxed during the long run. First-year runner Carlson was a pleasant surprise with her speedy times and was a great asset to the girls team as the fastest runner.



## meets

### Meet

Albion Invite

### Team Results

Boys, 4th; Girls, 7th

### Aurora Invite

Boys, 8th; Girls, 8th

### Central City Invite

Boys, 5th; Girls, 4th

### Boone Central Invite (Girls)

Girls, 7th

### UNK Invite (Boys)

Boys, 6th

### St. Cecilia Invite

Boys, 1st; Girls, 2nd

### Conference at Burwell

Boys, 1st; Girls, 3rd

### Districts at McCool Junction

Boys, 4th; Girls, 6th

# One Goal

## Teammates Work Together as One

Soccer. When the sport is mentioned, most people imagine chaos--a bunch of "teammates" running around and trying to kick a ball into a giant fishing net. But soccer is much more than that. (And that "giant fishing net" is called a goal, by the way.) Soccer is a sport full of strategy and trust. Members learn to rely on each other for good passes and shots on goal. **Ben Janssen (11)** said, *"The most fun and helpful part of practice was probably scrimmaging or the multi-player drills because they helped us work together as we would in a real game."*

While individual skills are needed, each part of the team is like a puzzle. Each piece fits perfectly to form a complete picture. All three defenders are told to be one person, a wall, to keep the ball away from their goalie, and definitely away from his/her goal. The forwards must always be on the tips of their toes, constantly looking for any opening to get the soccer ball to their striker. The striker then has to maneuver his/her way

around the opposite team to place a well-kicked ball into the goal.

But the goalie may have the most difficult job of them all. While the striker is meticulously strategizing on how to send the ball into the goal, the goalie has to block that shot so that the striker can't score.

**Jordan Schnell (10)**, the goalie for the girls' team, said, *"The hardest part of being a goalie is the anticipation when the other team has the ball near our goal. As the season went on, our team improved both on offense and defense, and that took a lot of pressure off of me."*

While it's true that soccer does contain a lot of running and kicking a ball, that's only the beginning. Everyone has a part. Everyone is essential. Through thick and thin, everyone has each other's back. What makes the Nebraska Christian soccer players a team is not just a love for the sport. It is the faith that glues them together. For one purpose. For one goal.

- Madi Felt (11)

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## Growing Together

What did you learn from the season?



"I really learned how to be a leader this year, with hardly any of the girls knowing how to play soccer. It showed me that I love to help and teach them."

- Skylar Swantek (11)

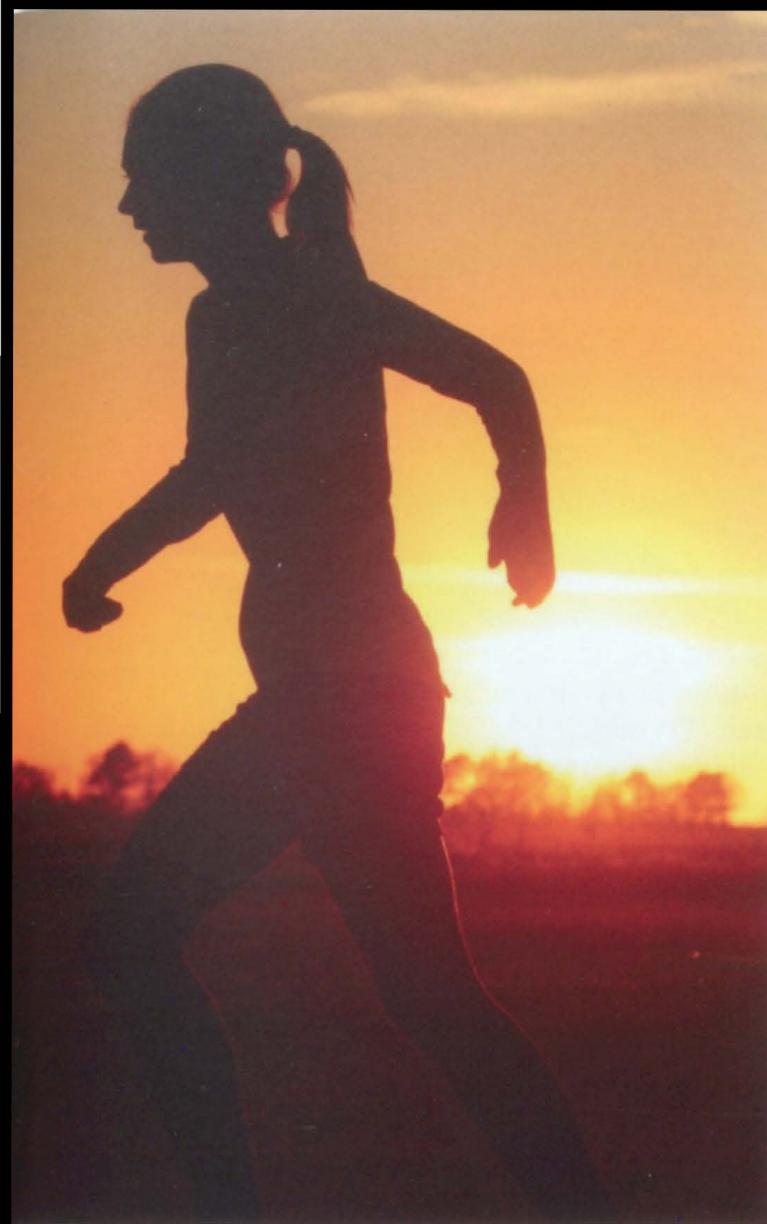


"I learned more about team work this season and how to stay positive when I faced challenges. I very much enjoyed the fun that soccer brings to us."

- Rocky Wang (12)



2. Ben Janssen (11) and Hieu Nguyen (12) work together to stop the opposing team from getting the ball. During practice, the players learned several drills to help them work together, and they applied what they practiced during games.



1. Determined to stay warm, Halle Strong (11) sprints to gain the ball. With her combined speed and endurance, Strong was an essential part of the girls' team.

3. Olivia Janssen (9) races past defenders to get a good pass to the lead forward. Janssen's encouragement and cheerful attitude helped the team to strive to do their best throughout the season.

4. Cheering on the starters, Madi Felt (11), Lydia Toshimasu (10), Talia Parlance (10) and Olivia Janssen (10) anticipate their chance on the field. Coach Clay Mankin, who coached both the boys' and girls' teams, gave the players many chances to play.



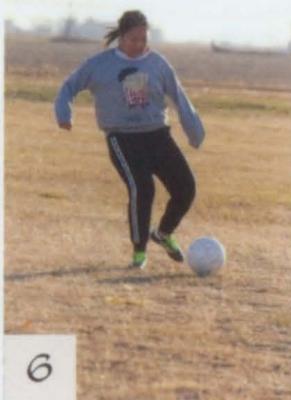
7. The boys' soccer team breaks at halftime to discuss strategies. The breaks gave the teammates time to catch their breath and focus on the game.

8. Jordan Schnell (10) goes in for a goalie kick. Schnell's goalie skills immensely aided the team.



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5. Barry Zhang (11) throws the ball in to continue the game. Zhang's strong kicks and flexibility kept the ball out of the goal.

6. During practice, Charlotte Wang (9) works on controlling the ball. Practices were a key part of how the teams performed in their games.



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## matches

Boys  
Northwest Black (L)

Manchester (L)

GI Crew (L)

GI Strikers (L)

Manchester (L)

Aurora JV (L)

Girls  
York Gold (L)

Aurora (L)

Tigers Beta (L)

York Gold (L)

Aurora (L)

Tigers Beta (L)

# One Challenge

## Growing in the Midst of Disappointment

Learning how to grow through defeat and disappointment is hard to do, but it was a lesson the girls' basketball team learned well throughout this year's season. Coming off of a very successful volleyball season, expectations were high for the Lady Eagles basketball team. However, the team sustained several injuries to key players early in the year and was never able to fully recover. Although the girls could have taken on a defeated attitude, they continued to compete hard and stay positive. Senior Anna Musgrave (12) said, "This year, basketball was a learning curve for us all; I know there were a lot of expectations coming off of the volleyball season, so when things didn't go as planned, we hit a few bumps. Honestly, though, I felt this year was a great time of growth for us all as individuals and as teammates, not just athletes. With the adversity came the need to persevere through difficult situations and encourage each other, and each girl did a marvelous job of knowing

their role on the team. Often, we grow more through adversity than through ease; I definitely saw that this year, and it will always stick in my mind."

This season was a growing experience for both the upperclassmen and underclassmen, due to the challenges they encountered. Even with these obstacles, the girls managed to continue encouraging each other and continue growing their character. Skylar Swantek (11) said, "I grew a lot in my relationship with Christ throughout this basketball season. He has taught me that even though we don't know his plan, He is working all things out for our good and His glory. This season was a tough one for our team dealing with injuries and sickness, but we still pushed on and finished the season, overcoming the obstacles placed before us." In the end, the season was a challenging one, but the girls displayed incredible perseverance and tenacity through it all.

- Corryn Falk (12)



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## Finding Success

What was the biggest win of the season?



"Beating Central Valley during conference, because we had previously lost to them, and because we were the underdogs."

- Carsyn Ostrand (11)



"One game that I had a lot of fun in was the Fullerton game. They are kind of our rival, so when we beat them, it felt good. It was an energetic and competitive game, and I thought we played well."

- Jada McHargue (11)



2. Kendyl Jividen (10) works to cut off an opposing ball-handler. Although this was Jividen's first year out for basketball, she worked hard both in practices and games and became a valuable member of the team.



1. Claire Ostrand (12) attempts to get a shot off while being heavily guarded. Ostrand battled a knee injury throughout the season but managed to continue playing and be one of the team's leading scorers.

3. Adrienne Falk (11) goes up for a shot against three defenders. Being a second year starter, Falk brought much needed experience and knowledge of the game to the team.

4. The Lady Eagles pray with their opponent after the game. The post-game prayer is just one way that NC athletes use to witness to the world.



7. Grace Langemeier (10) works to box out her opponent for a rebound. Langemeier was new to the team this year but improved tremendously throughout the season.

8. Skylar Swantek (11) dribbles around her defender to get to the hoop. Swantek's positive attitude and strong work ethic were great examples for the rest of the girls.



5. Carsyn Ostrand (11) pulls up for a baseline jumper. Even though Ostrand was only a junior, she was the vocal leader of the team and commanded the floor for the Lady Eagles.

6. Jordan Schnell (10) plays solid defense during a junior varsity game. Schnell was a vital part of the JV team as well as being a member of the Varsity team.



## Score box

St. Edward	62-15	Osceola	62-32
Centennial	39-43	Spalding Acad.	36-37
Sutton	54-40	Elba	71-13
Heart. Luth.	44-27	Central Valley	54-42
High Plains	45-18	Burwell	27-48
Humph., LHF	48-55	Riverside	24-42
St. Francis	40-60	Wood River	39-56
Southern	37-34	Riverside	47-49
St. Francis	65-44	Burwell	33-44
Louisville	46-47	NE Lutheran	36-44
Fullerton	43-41	Palmer	35-41
Central Valley	46-61	Shelby-Rising City	36-41

Varsity Record: 10-15

# One Mission

## Boys Basketball Team Strives for a Greater Goal

The old saying goes, "Where there's a will, there's a way." This phrase aptly describes the 2017-2018 boys basketball team. The team experienced victory and success, as well as trial and defeat. They continued to work hard when things were going well and persevered when the situation was dire. The team, led by six seniors, was a standout squad in Nebraska Christian's history for both accomplishments and intangibles.

Some of the team accomplishments included a second place finish in the Nebraska Wesleyan Holiday Tournament, featuring wins against Southern and Humphrey St. Francis and ending with a loss to Bruning-Davenport-Shickley in the final. **Joel Poppe (12)**, speaking about the tournament, said, *"To be able to get second was nothing short of a blessing."*

Another highlight was the Goldenrod Conference Tournament, when the team made it to the semi-finals. NC lost to the second-ranked D2 team in the state, Riverside, by a three pointer at the buzzer, making the score 61-60. The boys bounced

back from this heart-breaker by beating Fullerton in the third-place game 51-50. This was the best conference finish NC has had in 14 years. However, there was a lot more to this season than worldly accomplishments.

The six seniors leading this team instructed and assisted the underclassmen in learning the game of basketball, both by example and vocally. Freshman **Aidan Pipher** said, *"Time and time again, I have witnessed seniors setting the bar in terms of expectations."* The seniors did their best to exemplify intangible traits like good work ethic, encouragement, and humility.

Coaches **Paul McHargue** and **Andy Perdew** worked to prepare the team for basketball games and taught them how to live godly lives on and off the court. The underclassmen were also crucial to the success of the team, as many started or came off the bench as vital contributors.

Overall, this was a successful season, not for the wins or the losses, but for the character gained and the bonds that grew between the brothers that formed this team.

- **Brennan Nokelby (12)**



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## Lesson Learned

What is your takeaway from this season?



"The lesson I learned the most during basketball is how important it is to have continuity among your team and being able to die to yourself. Sacrificing your self pride so the whole team can succeed is what basketball is all about. I will take that lesson with me wherever I go for the rest of my life."

- **Tim Hofmann (12)**



"This year was a roller coaster. We would inch our way to the top, then, all of a sudden, crash back to where we didn't want to be... Along our ride through the season, I realized more that we aren't playing for ourselves and our goals, as much as we are playing for God and his glory. I realized this more and more with the help from our senior leaders."

- **Cody Griess (11)**



2. Grant Stuhmer (9) grabs a rebound in the JV basketball game against Riverside. Stuhmer was a starter on JV and proved his raw potential for years to come.



1. Ben Griess (12) finishes a reverse layup against Spalding Academy as Noah Boersen (11) watches in awe. Both Griess and Boersen started varsity for the Eagles and were crucial in many victories.

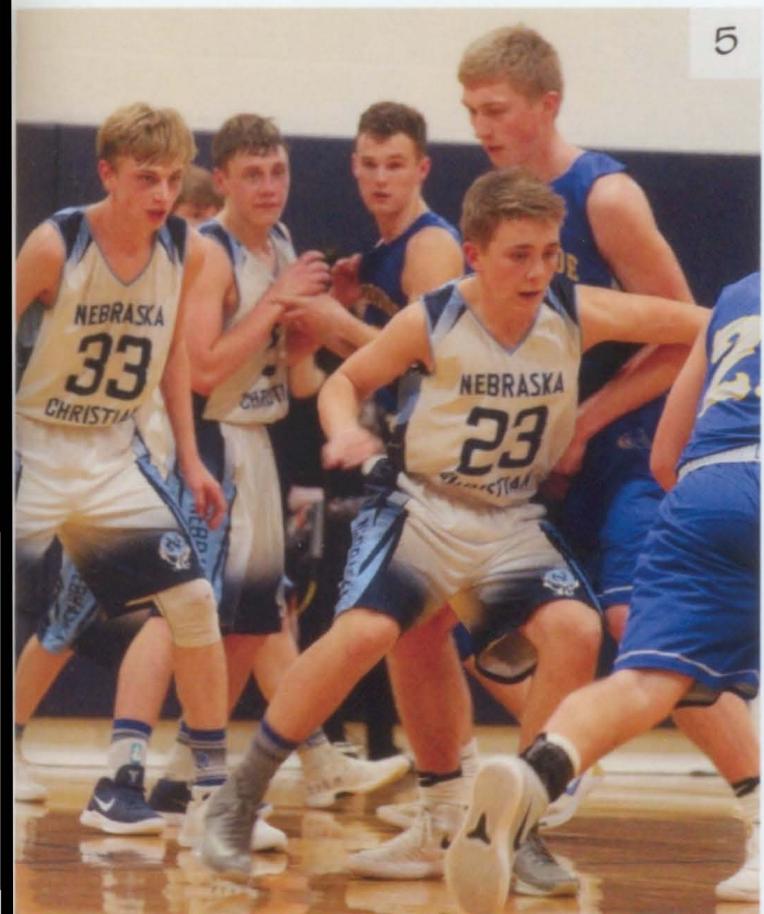
3. Toby Watson (11) drives past a Riverside defender to get to the basket. Watson had an insatiable drive on the court and was known for both his hustle plays and his pull up jumpers.

4. Seth Hower (10), Ben Griess (12), Elijah Boersen (9), Spencer Williams (12), and Cody Griess (11) approach the middle of the court to pray with the opposing team after the the Riverside game. The Eagles tried to pray with the opposing team after every game.



5. Spencer Williams (12) guards the ball as Brennan Nokelby (12) and Ben Griess (12) watch his back. Williams was known for taking charges on defense.

6. Garrett Nokelby (10) looks to feed the ball inside during a JV game. Nokelby was a favorite on the team for his personality and upcoming talent, and he even got to start one varsity game when his brother (Brennan Nokelby [12]) was sick.



7. Elijah Boersen (9) shoots a three in a JV game. Boersen jumped right into the action in JV and varsity games at the beginning of the season.

8. Keith Wasomi (10) hits a free throw in a JV game. This was Wasomi's second year of basketball, and he enjoyed tapping into his potential.



## Score box

St. Edward	61-14
Centennial	48-49
Sutton	35-67
Heartland Lutheran	34-20
High Plains	59-35
Lindsay Holy Family	50-68
Humphrey St. Francis	42-62
Southern	40-36
Humphrey St. Francis	45-33
BDS	28-44
Fullerton	44-61
Central Valley	52-22
Osceola	39-51
Spalding Academy	49-45
Central Valley	52-48
Riverside	60-61
Fullerton	52-51
Wood River	36-46
Riverside	40-66
Burwell	25-45
Nebraska Lutheran	51-69
Palmer	59-31
Twin River	52-50
Centennial	33-65

Record: 11-13  
JV record: 2-9

Boys' Basketball

# One Mat

## It's Not Just a Season: It's a Lifestyle!

Passion, desire, determination, and family all come to mind when describing what it means to wrestle and be a part of a wrestling team. Success is just a small portion of the experience as a wrestler. The 2017-2018 Nebraska Christian wrestling team took the mat mid-November with their first meet at Harvard. The season started off at a peak and never went down.

Andrew Feely (12) and Luke Swanson (12) were the senior leaders of the team, but only one of them wrestled. Swanson, who was part of previous Eagle wrestling teams, underwent surgery for an injured hip in December. The hip would keep him out of wrestling matches, but not from the team, as he supported the team at most meets including district and state. *"It has been tough with the surgeries. That's been keeping me from wrestling, but I truly have had to trust in God's plans and focus on supporting my team,"* said Swanson.

## Rolling Over Obstacles

*What is the hardest week of the season?*



"The hardest week is the week of state, not only physically, but also mentally."

- Andrew Feely (12)



"No such thing as an easy week, but, the first week, putting your body back in the room and just the grind really puts a toll on you."

- Kalob Green (10)

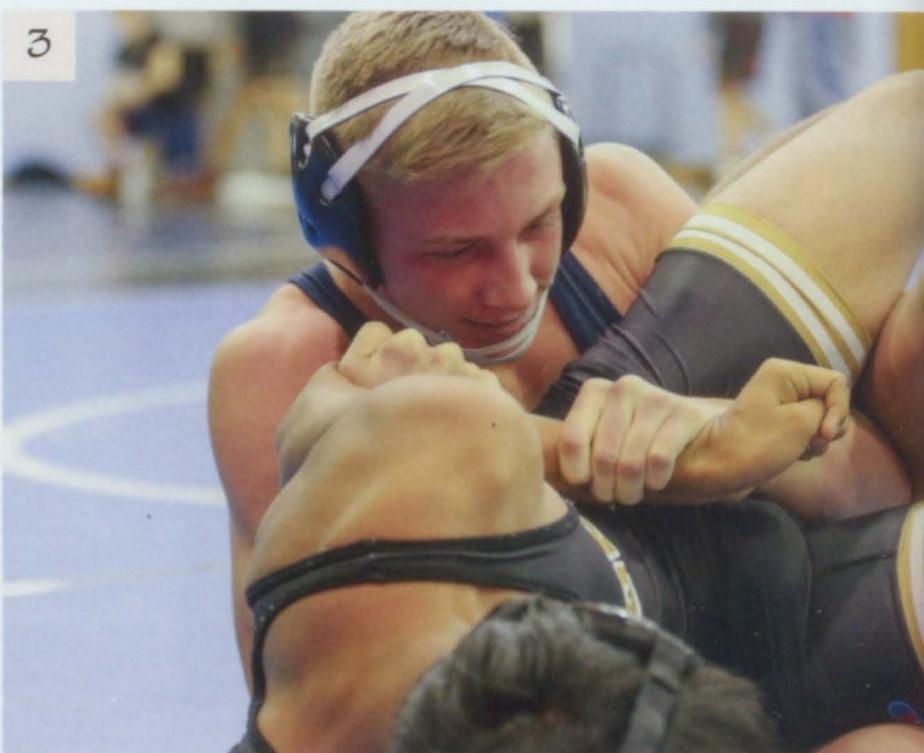
There really are no days off in wrestling. Strenuous workouts and strict dieting require much discipline. The 2018 Eagles saw much success, placing as a team at Cross County, Osceola, Newman Grove, and Boone Central. At districts, the Eagles made an impression on many of the opponents, as the team qualified three wrestlers to the state tournament. Feely, freshman Elijah Green, and freshman Carl Mundt represented the Eagles at state. Feely and Mundt both went out early in the tournament, but Green pushed his way to a sixth place finish. Nebraska Christian is very proud of each wrestler on the team.

- Joel Poppe (12)

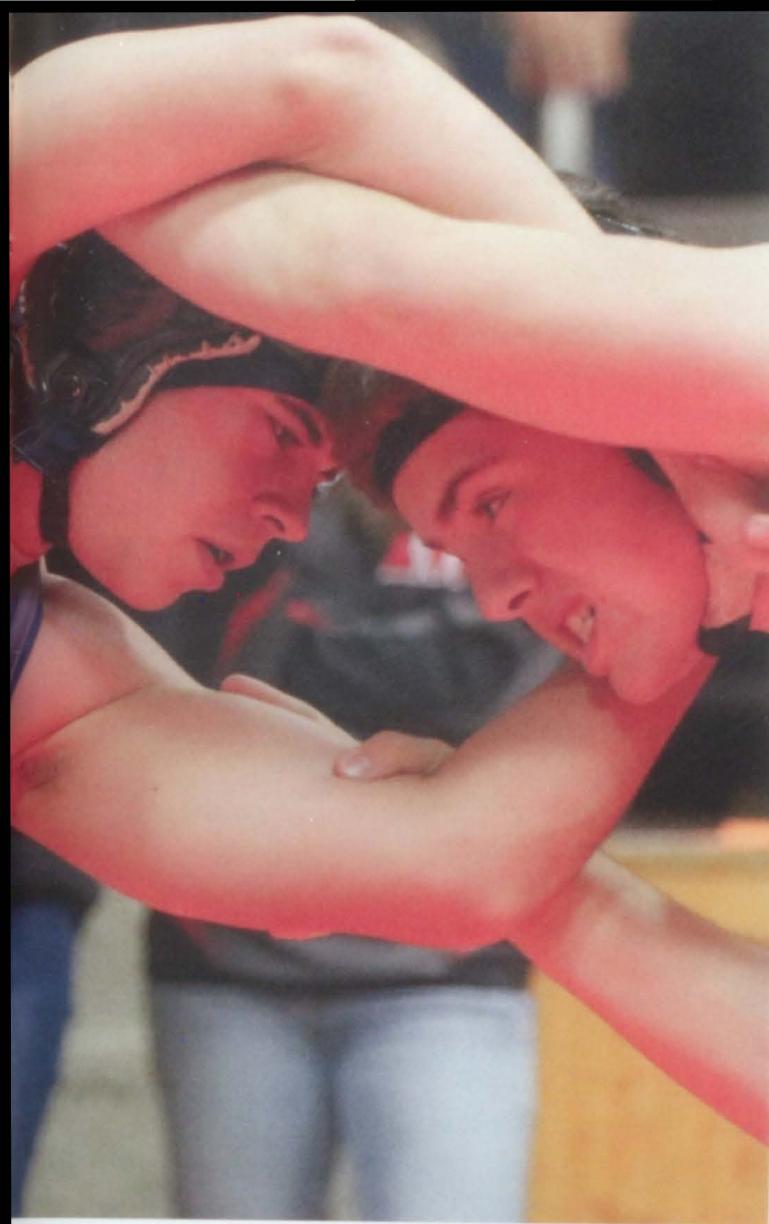
1. A referee raises the arm of Andrew Feely (12) in honor of him winning the match at the Newman Grove meet in late December. Even though it was Christmas break, the wrestlers still had to maintain their weight for upcoming meets.



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3. Freshman Elijah Green takes on his opponent during an invitational in Harvard. Green headed into his first state tournament with an impressive record of 24-11.



2. Face to face, Andrew Feely (12) attempts a takedown of his opponent. As a culmination of his senior year, Feely headed to the state tournament for the first time in his high school career.

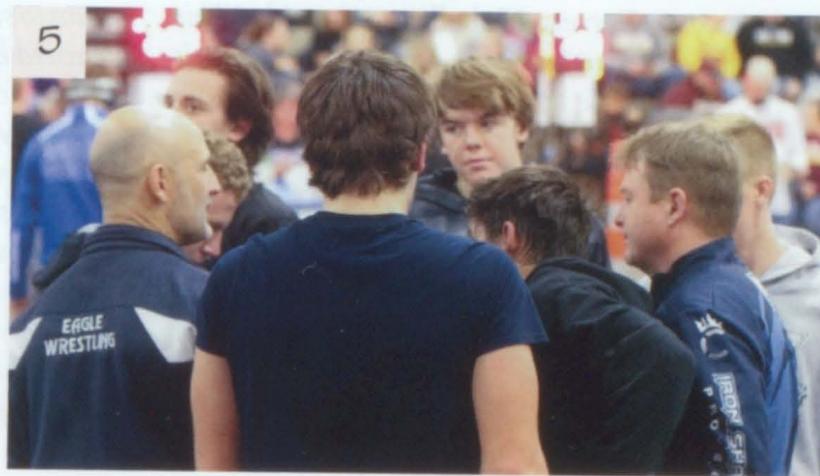
4. State qualifiers Andrew Feely (12) and Elijah Green (9) carry Carl Mundt (9) during the boys' state wrestling send off. 2018 marked the 19th consecutive year NC has taken wrestlers to the state tournament.

5. The Nebraska Christian wrestling team listens intently to Head Coach Terry Elge during districts in Malcolm. The Eagles would not have attained such success this year without the leadership of Elge and Assistant Coach Scott Griepenstroh.

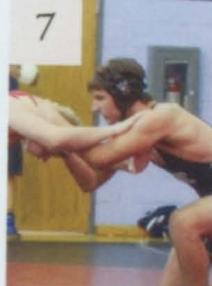


6. Carl Mundt (9) grabs his opponent by the ankle. Mundt had a successful 2017-2018 wrestling year, medaling in most of the meets and qualifying for state.

7. Taking over, Justin Brock (11) attempts to pull his opponent down in order to get an advantage. Brock decided to join the team as a junior.



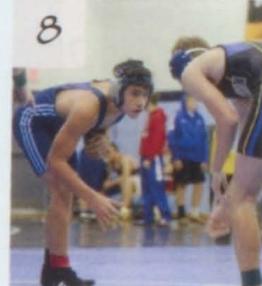
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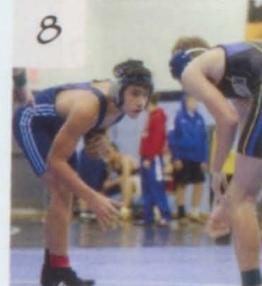
8. Anthony Jividen (9) gets into position to take on his rival at the beginning of the match. As a freshman, Jividen turned heads as the season progressed.

9. Kalob Green (10) turns his competitor during a match at Grand Island Central Catholic. Green had a great season, placing in most of the meets this year.

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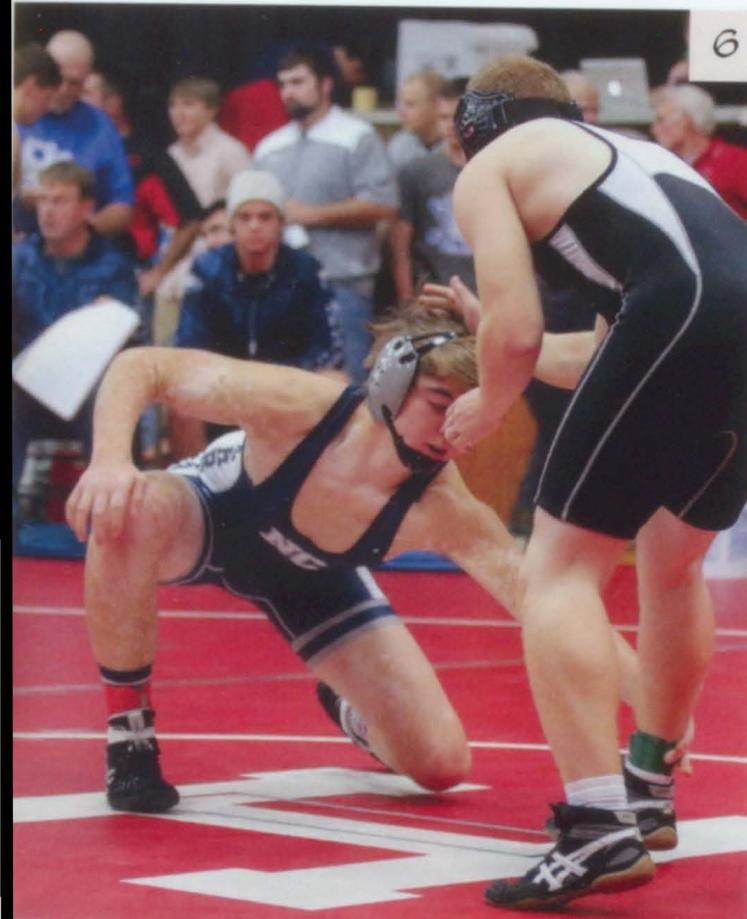


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## meets

Harvard Invitational  
Osceola Invitational  
Elgin/Elgin Pope John Tournament  
Newman Grove Tournament  
Aquinas Tournament  
Cross County Tournament  
Neligh-Oakdale Invitational  
Ord Invite  
Boone Central Invite  
Grand Island Central Catholic Tournament  
District Tournament (Malcolm)  
State Tournament (Omaha)



# One Race

## Defining True Success

Over the course of a track season, many new skills are developed and new lessons are learned. Individuals are challenged to improve in their events and also encouraged to look for ways that God is using track to grow them. Track is both physically and mentally demanding, but through the difficulties, the team learned several important lessons.

One lesson learned this year stands out above the rest: learning how to define true success. **Garrett Nokelby** (10) said, *"This year at Conference, our team gave it everything we possibly could, but still didn't win. I learned that our success is not defined by how high we place or if we win, but our success is defined by how we run the race and if we run it for God."* When the track teams were met with difficult losses or disappointing performances, they were reminded that they compete for an audience of One, and that God defines the success of their efforts, not the world.

As the season progressed, the track team quickly realized how truly blessed they were to be able to practice and compete in an environment that emphasizes true success. Team members were constantly being encouraged by their coaches and teammates to grow in their abilities as athletes, as well as being reminded to do their best and leave the outcome up to God. **Kate Pipher** (11) said, *"In track this year, I learned that this sport is not just about the individual. It takes a team to succeed, grow, encourage, and train. I learned how blessed I am to have teammates like I do who push me physically and spiritually. Track has taught me to be grateful for the ability to run, to compete, and to be with people I enjoy."* The importance of medals and trophies will fade with time, but having the ability to define true success by God's standard will be a lesson that serves these athletes well throughout the rest of their lives.

- Corryn Falk (12)



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## Making Memories

What track meet stuck out to you the most?



"The Palmer Invitational was the meet that really stuck out to me. I had to fill in for the 4x800 m relay, due to injuries. When I got the baton for the last leg, I started out fast. I was worried I wouldn't be able to maintain my speed, but I did! We got first place! I received my first track gold medal and it was a great event to add to my senior year."

- Katie Nyberg (12)



"My favorite meet was the Central Nebraska Invitational because, despite some of the hardest competition we will ever go against, both of our relays, the 4x400 and the 4x800 placed in the top three. Every single one of us ran our best races, giving us times we could have never imagined running."

- Ryan Dexter (11)



2. Adrienne Falk (11) completes a spin before she throws the discus. Falk broke her finger at one of the track meets but came back to compete at Conference and placed 2nd in the shot put and 3rd in the discus.



1. Grace Langemeier (10) lands in the pit after completing her jump. Langemeier was a valuable member of the girls' track team this season, scoring several points at each of the track meets.

3. Carsyn Ostrand (11) jumps over a hurdle on her way to the finish line. Ostrand greatly improved in the hurdles this track season and placed high in all of her races, as well as becoming a Conference champion in the 100m hurdles.

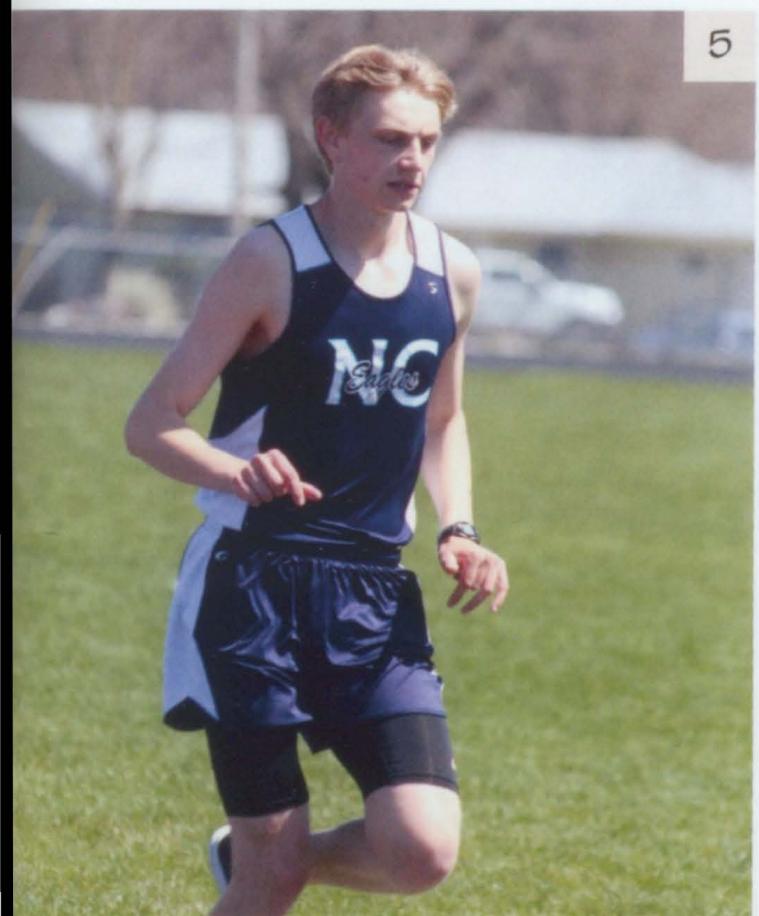
4. Elijah Boersen (9) clears the bar in high jump with ease. Boersen always gave his best effort and came up with big points for the track team this season.



7. Shelby Swanson (9) keeps a steady pace in the 1600m run. Although only a freshman, Swanson always did her best and placed at several meets.



8. Rocky Wang (12) works hard to beat his opponents to the finish. Wang competed hard and brought much needed speed to the boys' team this year.



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## meets

Concordia College Indoor Meet  
Merrick County Invite  
Osceola Invite  
Wood River Invite  
High Plains Invite (Osceola)  
Palmer Invite (Fullerton)  
Conference (Fullerton)  
Districts (Ord)  
State (Omaha)

5. Brennan Nokelby (12) distances himself from the competition in the 3200m run. Nokelby embraced his role as a senior and was one of the biggest leaders for the boys' team this season.

6. Sam Twogood (12) sprints around the curve in the boys' 4x400m relay. Twogood filled many different roles on the team this year, including running on two of the three relays.

# One Step Forward

## Junior High Sports Provide Lessons as Students Move Forward

Sports are always unpredictable, but when the junior high aspect is added, they are taken to a whole new level. Some kids are competing in a sport for the very first time, some have already had a year of experience, and some have been playing for years. Add all these factors into a team, and it is impossible to predict what may happen.

Junior high athletics is a great time for students to try out many sports and determine what they want to participate in as they continue in high school. Rules allow athletes to be able to participate in each sport, even though some may take place in the same season. For example, students who want to play football are also allowed to run cross country, even though they are both in the fall season. The games the junior high plays are more than the wins and losses. Competitions begin to teach them what lessons can be learned in athletics and how

to play the game the right way. Games can also prepare the athletes for what they can expect in high school sports so there will be no surprises when the next couple years roll around. *"I would say that student managing for volleyball helped prepare me because I kind of know what they do. Junior high sports helped me also because I know what it's like to play games against other schools,"* said **Shelby McHargue (8)**.

While some think the transition to high school sports may cause fear, some students do not feel the same way: *"The only fear I have for sports next year is the fear of God and the fear of not working hard enough,"* said **Ethan Merchant (8)**.

Junior high sports allows students to accomplish things they never thought they could do and possibly find a love for sports they never knew they had.

- **Tim Hofmann (12)**



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## Playing Favorites

*Which sport do you enjoy the most?*



"My favorite sport is volleyball because I enjoy the competitiveness of it and being able to play with my friends.

- **Teagan Haynes (8)**



"I would pick football mostly because of the relationships you build with the rest of the team. Every person on the team needs to do their job in order to succeed."

- **Stone Swantek (8)**



2. Molly Griess (8), Shelby McHargue (8), Lizzy Powers (8), and Sidney McHargue (8) celebrate a point in their volleyball game against High Plains. The junior high volleyball team won their only tournament of the year at Riverside.



1. Amanda Carlson (7) approaches the bar in a pole vault attempt at the Goldenrod Conference Track Meet. She took second at the meet.

3. Reghan Flynn (7) and Marlie Mundt (7) box out one of their opponents as a shot is taken. The girls team continued to improve and found much success throughout the season.



4. Macy Shotkoski (7) continues her stride during her cross country race. The junior high harriers relished the opportunity to practice and participate with the high school athletes throughout the season.

5. Drew Perdew (7) and Gabe Langemeier (7) exchange a high five. Football is always a high point for boys moving from elementary to junior high.



6. Aaron Jividen (8) fights for a rebound against St. Edward. The boys basketball team had some ups and downs throughout the season, but fought through to become successful.

7. Molly Griess (8) puts up a shot in one of the girls basketball games this season. Griess used her height to grab rebounds and score many points inside.

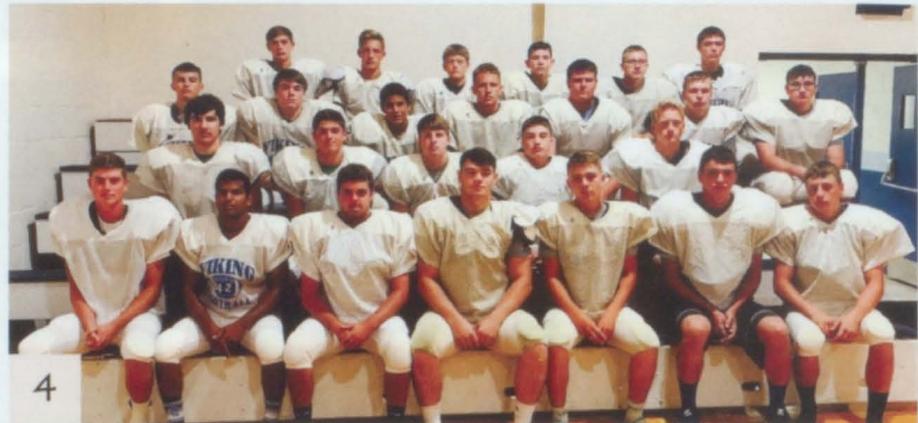
8. Zach Egeland (8) sprints down the court during a junior high basketball game. Egeland was a great leader for the Eagles this year and had successful year on the court.



## sports

Cross Country  
Volleyball  
Football  
Wrestling  
Girls Basketball  
Boys Basketball  
Track

# One Team



1. *Volleyball*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Cream Masatit (12), Claire Ostrand (12), Anna Musgrave (12), Katelynn Halstead (12), Corryn Falk (12). Row 2: Jada McHargue (11), Carsyn Ostrand (11), Kate Pipher (11), Adrienne Falk (11). Row 3: Stephanie Strobel (10), Grace Langemeier (10), Kindra Watson (10), Kendyl Jividen (10). Not pictured: Head Coach Tonya Ostrand, Assistant Coach Britta Landrigan.



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2. *Cross Country*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Katie Nyberg (12), Arwen Zhang (11), Halle Strong (11), Laura Carlson (11). Row 2: Jamie Myers (10), Josie Maberry (10), Shelby Swanson (9). Row 3: Clay Purkerson (10), Jon Dockweiler (11), Joshua Strong (9), Garrett Nokelby (10), Benjamin Janssen (11). Row 4: Curt Bailey (11), Brennan Nokelby (12), Andrew Feely (12), Ryan Dexter (11). Not pictured: Head Coach Scott Johnson, Assistant Coach Rick Jacques, Andy Pao (10).



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3. *Girls Basketball*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Anna Musgrave (12), Claire Ostrand (12), Corryn Falk (12). Row 2: Carsyn Ostrand (11), Adrienne Falk (11), Kate Pipher (11), Skylar Swantek (11). Row 3: Emily Meng (10), Jada McHargue (11), Grace Langemeier (10), Kendyl Jividen (10). Row 4: Olivia Nyberg (10), Jordan Schnell (10), Lydia Toshimasu (10), Shelby Swanson (9). Not pictured: Head Coach Erin Mankin, Assistant Coach Nathan Musgrave, Stephanie Strobel (10).

4. *Football*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Samuel Twogood (12), Joel Poppe (12), Timothy Hofmann (12), Luke Swanson (12), Spencer Williams (12), Joel Kaczor (12), Benjamin Griess (12). Row 2: Justin Brock (11), Jake Twogood (11), Noah Boersen (11), Cody Griess (11), Toby Watson (11). Row 3: Grant Stuhmer (9), Carl Mundt (9), Anthony Jividen (9), Kalob Green (10), Seth Hower (10), Garrett Swantek (10), Bryce Krieger (10). Row 4: Elijah Boersen (9), Elijah Green (9), Gabe Huenefeld (9), Aidan Pipher (9), Conner Lovejoy (9), Jake Sandmeier (9). Not pictured: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Assistant Coach Andy Falk, Assistant Coach David Gee, Assistant Coach Levi Landrigan, Keith Wasomi (10).

5. *Boys Basketball*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Daniel Myers (12), Brennan Nokelby (12), Timothy Hofmann (12), Joel Poppe (12), Spencer Williams (12), Benjamin Griess (12). Row 2: Head Coach Paul McHargue, Cody Griess (11), Toby Watson (11), Noah Boersen (11), Assistant Coach Andy Perdew. Row 3: Keith Wasomi (10), Garrett Nokelby (10), Seth Hower (10), Elijah Boersen (9), Jake Sandmeier (9). Row 4: Toby Zaruba (9), Joshua Strong (9), Grant Stuhmer (9), Aidan Pipher (9), Gabe Huenefeld (9). Not pictured: Andy Pao (10).

6. *Wrestling*. Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Elijah Green (9), Anthony Jividen (9), Cody Kaczor (9). Row 2: Carl Mundt (9), Andrew Feely (12), Justin Brock (11), Luke Swanson (12), Kalob Green (10). Not pictured: Head Coach Terry Elge, Assistant Coach Scott Griepenstroh.



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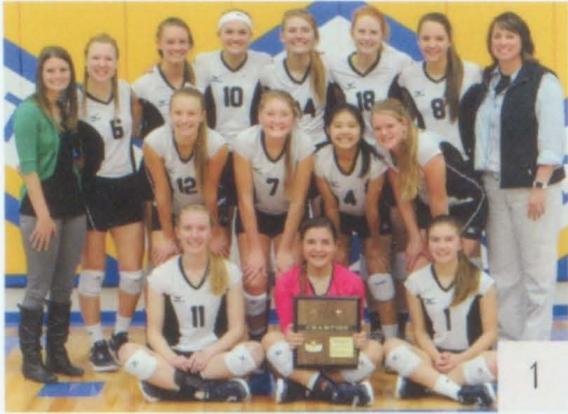
**10. Boys Track.** Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Benjamin Griess (12), Luke Swanson (12), Brennan Nokelby (12), Micah Smith (12), Samuel Twogood (12), Rocky Wang (12). Row 2: Barry Zhang (11), Jon Dockweiler (11), Cody Griess (11), Jake Twogood (11), Ryan Dexter (11), Noah Boersen (11), Toby Watson (11), Curt Bailey (11), Benjamin Janssen (11). Row 3: Garrett Swantek (10), Clay Purkerson (10), Keith Wasomi (10), Garrett Nokelby (10), Seth Hower (10), Cory Ruybalid (10), Andy Pao (10), Moses Lu (10). Row 4: Grant Stuhmer (9), Aidan Pipher (9), Elijah Boersen (9), Joshua Strong (9). Not pictured: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand, Assistant Coach David Gee, Assistant Coach Amy Schreiber, Anthony Jividen (9).

**11. Junior High Athletes.** Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Tabitha Seip (8), Shelby McHargue (8), Molly Griess (8), Lizzy Powers (8), Sidney McHargue (8), Teagan Haynes (8). Row 2: Elijah Peters (7), Amy Springer (7), Reghan Flynn (7), Marisa Fetterley (7), Marlie Mundt (7), Sarah Lasso (7), Amanda Carlson (7), Sophie Swanson (7), Stone Swantek (8). Row 3: Nehemiah Peters (8), Tyler Cumpston (8), Ethan Merchant (8), Kobe Morris (8), Daniel Musgrave (8), Aidan Feely (8), Dayton Falk (8), Aaron Jividen (8), Chantz Stuhmer (8). Row 4: Terrigan Sebek (7), Will Twogood (7), Drew Perdew (7), Jacob Nokelby (7), Malachi Zaruba (7), Owen Morris (7), Riley Schreiber (7), Link Lin (8), Tug Burdett (7). Not pictured: Zach Egeland (8), Micah Green (7), Gabe Langemeier (7), Macy Shotkoski (7).

**7. Boys Soccer.** Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Connor Lovejoy (9), Brad Hilderbrand (11), Hieu Nguyen (12), Johnny Wu (10). Row 2: Head Coach Clay Mankin, Ben Janssen (11), Rocky Wang (12), Moses Lu (10), Sam Qu (10), Barry Zhang (11).

**8. Girls Soccer.** Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Josie Maberry (10), Arwen Zhang (11), Talia Parlane (10), Emma Kaczor (11), Charlotte Wang (9). Row 2: Halle Strong (11), Madison Felt (11), Jordan Schnell (10), Skylar Swantek (11), Olivia Janssen (9), Lydia Toshimasu (10), Head Coach Clay Mankin.

**9. Girls Track.** Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Anna Musgrave (12), Claire Ostrand (12), Katelynn Halstead (12), Katie Nyberg (12). Row 2: Adrienne Falk (11), Carsyn Ostrand (11), Laura Carlson (11), Kate Pipher (11), Halle Strong (11), Skylar Swantek (11), Bella Yin (11), Michelle Huang (11), Linh Nguyen (11). Row 3: Kendyl Jividen (10), Stephanie Strobel (10), Grace Langemeier (10), Kindra Watson (10), Olivia Nyberg (10), Shelby Swanson (9). Not pictured: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand, Assistant Coach David Gee, Assistant Coach Amy Schreiber, Student Manager Corryn Falk (12).



1. *Volleyball.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Corryn Falk (12), Stephanie Strobel (10), Kendyl Jividen (10). Row 2: Carsyn Ostrand (11), Jada McHargue (11), Cream Masatit (12), Kindra Watson (10). Row 3: Assistant Coach Britta Landrigan, Katelynn Halstead (12), Claire Ostrand (12), Grace Langemeier (10), Adrienne Falk (11), Anna Musgrave (12), Kate Pipher (11), Head Coach Tonya Ostrand.

## One Incredible Run

### Volleyball Team Makes History

The Nebraska Christian Volleyball team recently capped off arguably the greatest season in school history with a 4th place finish at the state tournament-- just the second state appearance in school history. NC rolled to an undefeated regular season, recording 28 straight wins and only dropping a total of 5 sets. The Eagles played some quality opponents such as Hastings, Platteview, Centura, Columbus Lakeview and Humphrey St. Francis en route to the perfect regular season. The Eagles took home the Central City Tournament championship and also recorded their fourth straight Goldenrod Conference Championship. The team then defeated Centennial and Cross County in subdistrict play to advance to the district final and take on Burwell, whom they beat in three sets.

The team began the state tournament on a high note, defeating the Ponca Indians in three sets. In the semifinal match, the Lady Eagles met the Superior Wildcats at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The Wildcats were too much for the team, snapping their winning streak and defeating them in three sets. This sent the Eagles to the 3rd place game, while the Wildcats went on to defeat Hartington-Cedar Catholic in the championship. In the third place match, the Lady Eagles saw a familiar foe in Stanton. Stanton prevailed in three sets, which caused the Lady Eagles to finish the season as the #4 team in Class C2.

The 2017 team consisted of 13 girls, and the five seniors on the team showed great leadership to the underclassmen. The Eagles were led by seniors Claire Ostrand and Katelynn Halstead, who both had fantastic seasons. Junior Carsyn Ostrand played a huge part in the Eagles' success in being able to control the floor with her setting.

Head Coach Tonya Ostrand was disappointed how the season ended, but she credited her team for a fantastic season. *"I like to think that our last two games do not define our team. We had a super season. The girls battled through some adversity this year and ultimately overcame a lot of things. We are thankful to the Lord for His blessings throughout this season."* Senior Katelynn Halstead enjoyed playing with this group of girls throughout the entire season. *"We were blessed beyond measure to make it to state this year. I am so thankful for every opportunity I have to step on the court with such dedicated, relentless teammates!"*

The Lady Eagles did indeed have plenty of fun throughout this season, and the tight bond between the girls contributed to their success in many ways. Coach Ostrand said, *"They each understand their individual importance and work together. They love and care for each other, and they are unselfish."* That team mentality is what helped guide the Lady Eagles to their final record of 32-2 and their place in the Nebraska Christian record books.

- Tim Hofmann (12)

## One Opportunity

### Students Make the Most of State Appearances



2. *Speech.* Danae Burdett (12) placed fourth in persuasive speaking at the State Speech Meet in Kearney. She qualified for state in persuasive for the third consecutive year.

3. *Wrestling.* Front to back, from left. Row 1: Andrew Feely (12), Carl Mundt (9), Elijah Green (9). Row 2: Head Coach Terry Elge, Assistant Coach Scott Griepenstroh. Feely, Mundt, and Green all qualified for their first state tournament in 2018. Green took home the only medal, winning 6th in the Class C 132-pound division.



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4. Class C State Band. Left to right: Jessica Hilderbrand (12), Lydia Langemeier (12), Molly Griess (7), and Tyler Cumpston (7) hold up their woodwind instruments. All four students also qualified for state in 2017.



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5. Junior High Robotics. Left to right: Tyler Cumpston (8), Cooper Schnell (7), Amanda Carlson (7), Jonathan Needham (8), Aidan Feely (8). In its first year of existence, the junior high robotics club qualified for the U.S. Open Robotics Championship and finished 23rd out of 60 teams.

6. Cross Country. Brennan Nokelby (12) qualified for his fourth consecutive state cross country championship.

7. Track. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Laura Carlson (11), Carsyn Ostrand (11), Grace Langemeier (10), Katelynn Halstead (12). Row 2: Noah Boersen (11), Toby Watson (11), Brennan Nokelby (12), Sam Twogood (12), Ryan Dexter (11). NC had 13 entries at State Track: Boersen in the 3200 meter relay; Carlson in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, pole vault, and 400 meter relay; Dexter in the 3200 meter relay and 1600 meter relay; Halstead in the long jump, triple jump, and 400 meter relay; Langemeier in the long jump and 400 meter relay; Nokelby in the 1600 meter run, 3200 meter relay, and 1600 meter relay; Ostrand in the 100 meter hurdles, pole vault, and 400 meter relay; Twogood in the 3200 meter relay and 1600 meter relay; and Watson in the 110 meter hurdles and 1600 meter relay. At state, the boys in the 3200 meter relay placed second, defeating season-long nemesis St. Paul by .5 second with a time of 8:18.16. Nokelby placed second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:37.31, setting a new school record in the process. Carlson placed second in pole vault (10'6") and fourth in the 300 hurdles (49.01). In the team scoring, the boys tied for 15th, and the girls tied for 18th.

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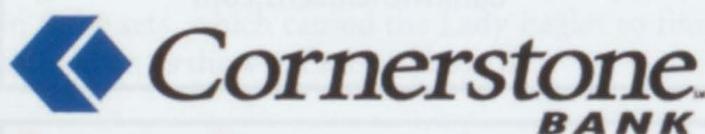
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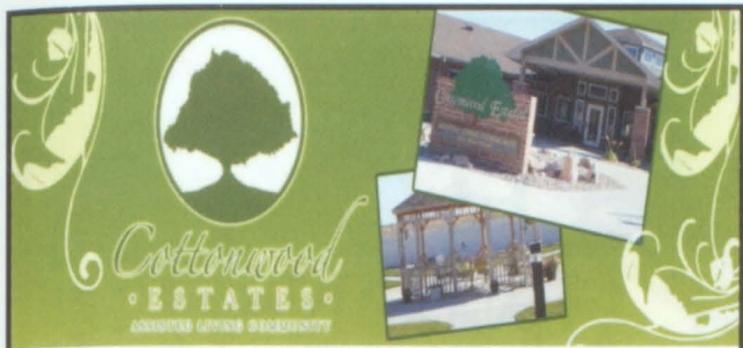


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Danae,

Darling, you were BORN responsible. ;) It has been our joy to parent you, to watch you grow and learn, recognize your gifts and form your worldview. Keep chasing after God with all your heart! We are grateful for you and so very proud of you.

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

- Mom and Dad



Andrew,

Your gentle, yet strong leadership is a blessing to our family. We look forward to watching what God has in store for you as you begin an ambitious path. We love you and will support you every step of the way.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Lauren and Aidan  
Proverbs 3:5-6



Anna,

We are so thankful for the beautiful young woman you have become: for your kindness toward others, your spiritual sensitivity, and your joyful spirit. We love you!

Love, Dad & Mom  
Ephesians 1:15-19





**Ben,**

We are so proud of you and the things you have accomplished. You have the world before you and great things yet to achieve. May you search for the hidden treasures of wisdom and find the knowledge of God. We pray that your heart is always teachable and that you are receptive to learning the commands of the Lord.

Proverbs 2:1-5  
Love, Mom and Dad



**Lydia,**

We're so proud of you!! You have an amazing heart and love for people, and we can't wait to see how the Lord will use you!!

Love you!!

Dad, Mom,

Cameron, Grace, and Gabe



**Katie,**

"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2

We have an incredible love for you, Katie! Remember that God's love is greater still! We celebrate this monumental occasion in your life, and we trust the Lord who has your future in His care.

- Dad and Mamacita

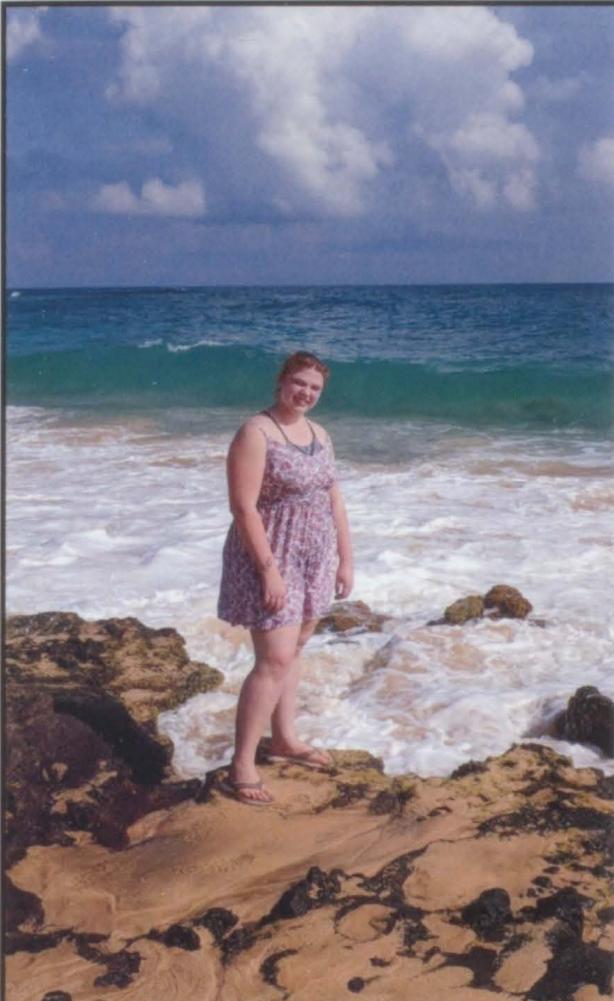


**Micah,**

We are so proud of the godly young man that you have become. We pray that you will continue to put Christ first as you move into the next phase of life. Thanks for keeping us entertained with your sharp wit and puns!

Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with the Lord your God."

We Love You! - Mom, Dad, & Liz



**Keziah,**

You are a paradoxical enigma! (Just Google it.) You are such a Glam-girl but the first to want to go fishing or hunting. Seriously? You love to walk around the mall with a friend or put on your apron and bake pastries (for everybody--of course). You are the life of the party, yet you enjoy curling up with a good book or watching a movie. Such a sassy, witty, smart little thing and a heart the size of Nebraska! FYI--if you haven't given a gift (or food) to someone, you must not know them. Oh and singing! There's that. And you seriously love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. By the way, the church you've been going to seems to set you on fire. We love that. We love that you are such a hard-working girl, too. Two years at Pizza Palace and you bought your VW Bug--that's pretty cool. And you've put in a lot of hours at Subconn--sure you don't want to stay and move up into management someday? We know you want to open a bakery though--why not! Sounds delish! So, apparently you'd rather follow your dreams. As long as your dreams include taking care of mom and dad when we get old and decrepit. (Since you are our fave youngest daughter...) Can't wait to give you your graduation gift--Daddy spoils you a bit. There's that too.

- Mom and Dad

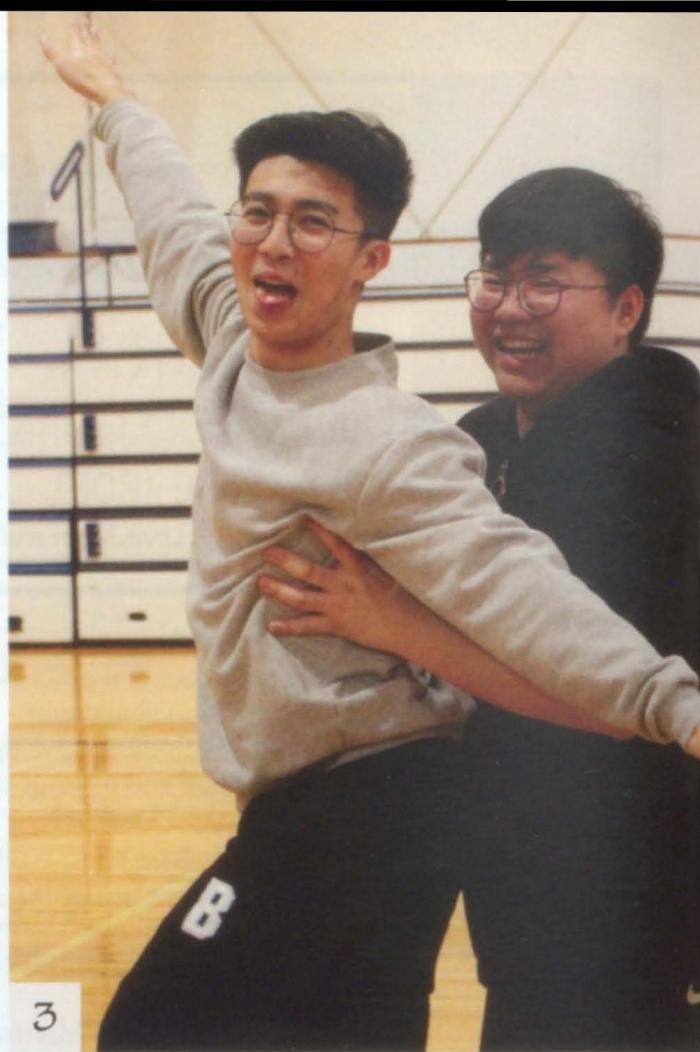
1. Laura Carlson (11) and Emma Kaczor (11) work on a lab together in Anatomy and Physiology class. A&P was a favorite for many students this year, as many are interested in a medical degree.



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2. Grace Langemeier (10) blocks an opponent during a basketball game. Langemeier proved to be a valuable teammate in her first year of high school basketball. She missed her freshman season due to injury.

3. Harry Nguyen (11) and Richard Li (11) strike a figure skating pose during an ice breaker game at the Wacky Olympics. Miss Kaity Flynn organized the event, which was an evening of group games and international food designed to help students get to know each other.

4. Tennasynn Sebek (9) and Kateland Nyberg (12) prepare cookie dough while Mrs. Janice Stuhmer oversees. On Community Service Day, a small group of girls were chosen to stay behind and bake for the neighbors.

5. (clockwise from left) Mrs. Ruth Ferris, Justin Brock (11), Chase Tate (12), and Tim Hofmann (12) play a game of Pitch in study hall. For the seniors, Pitch was a regular occurrence, and in gratitude for allowing them to play so often, these students dealt Ferris a hand.

6. Cody Griess (11) lobbs a water balloon at seniors Joel Poppe, Ben Griess, and Spencer Williams. At the last pep rally of the year, the student council surprised these boys with a sack race in return for all of their "helpful" suggestions and "encouraging" remarks to StuCo members throughout the year.

## Why is NC important to you?



"NC has given me relationships and opportunities that I don't think any other school can provide. Having Godly teachers who truly care about your faith is second to none."

- Tim Hofmann (12)



"NC is important to me because it centers all of its education around Christ and encourages me to get into the Bible more."

- Ethan Burdett (9)



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## Many: One

The lockers are empty. The classrooms are vacuumed and dusted. The parking lot is deserted. The students from abroad are finally home. The class of 2018 has graduated. Another fantastic school year in the books. But, as students reflect on the year, they wonder: "Did we accomplish anything? Did we establish anything that really matters?"

The answer is yes. Encouragement was a huge focus of the year, and many students emphasized the impact this focus made on them, whether it was from leaders on teams or notes in their lockers. Friendships were formed between unlikely companions. Service was completed with happy hearts and God-glorifying attitudes. Competitions were won - and lost - with sportsmanlike actions and words. Records were broken, but students and

faculty remained humble. Throughout the entirety of this school year, students were tested, challenged, and stretched, but, because of these trials, growth and strength abounded in the classrooms, locker rooms, and hearts of these students.

The 2017-2018 school year showed itself to be one of value for all involved, especially in the realm of community. These pages have proven that, though many different walks of life come together at NC, by God's grace, they thrive.

As most welcome the next year at NC, and others enter into new circumstances and environments, all are hoping that the new year will bring as much encouragement, challenge, and community as the last.

- Danae Burdett (12)



"I have greatly appreciated the teachers that truly care about us and the relationships I've built over the past eight years."

- Ali Winsterman (11)



"NC is important to me because it teaches me all of the subjects I would take at another school, but from a Christ-centered perspective. It also teaches how to grow in your faith."

- Christopher Needham (10)

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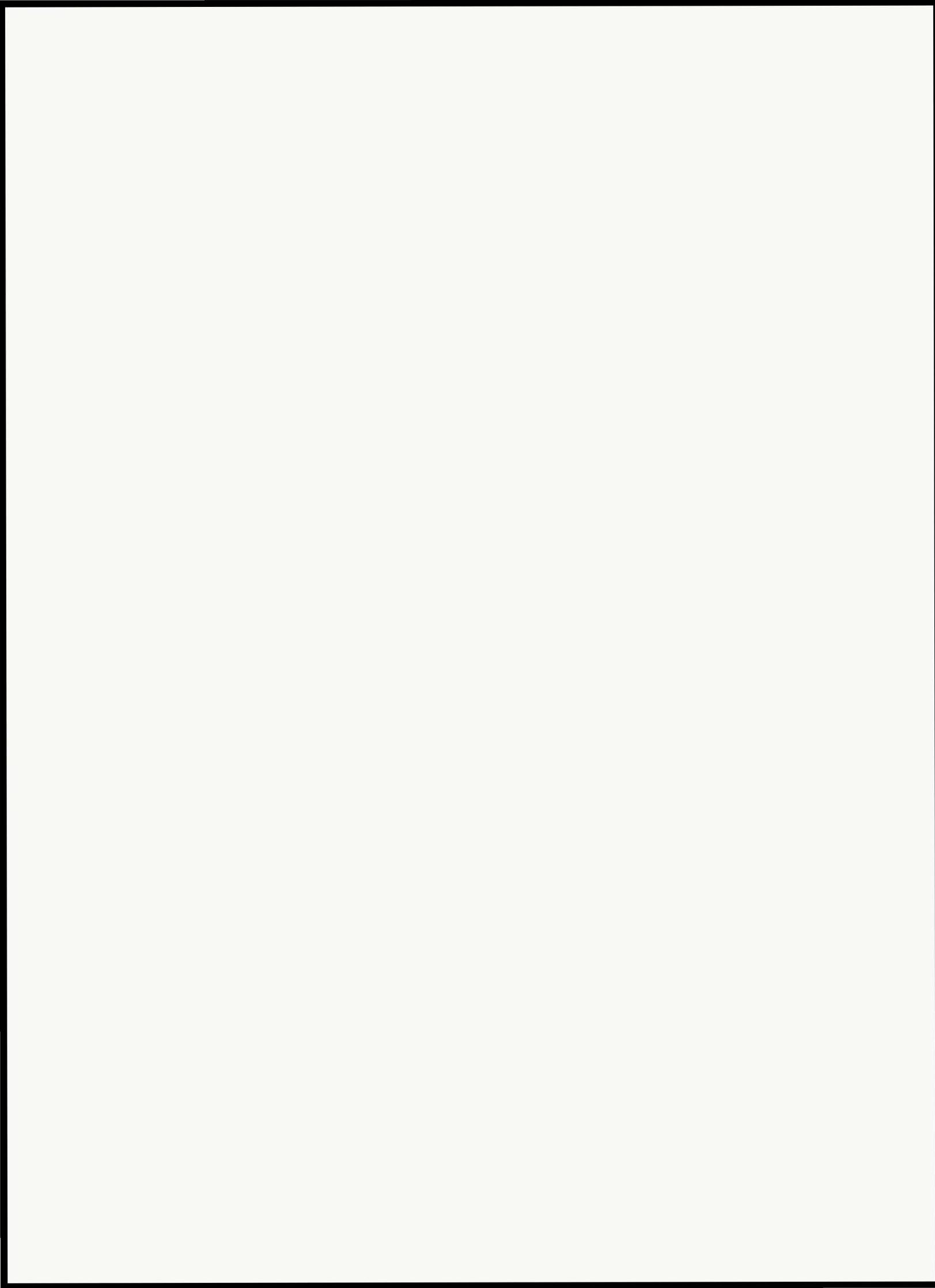
Nebraska Christian has long been a school made up of variety: differing cultures, practices, traditions, and ideologies meet to form this great community. Though the campus has thrived in this way for many years, the yearbook staff found it especially compelling this year, and because of this conviction, decided to form the yearbook's theme around that central idea. While many routes were bandied about, eventually the conclusion was made that *Many: One* would be a perfect way to convey the idea of unity that we so wanted to express. On the cover of this yearbook is found a circle of hands that, though separate, converge to form a central shape. A graphic representing this image is found throughout the book.

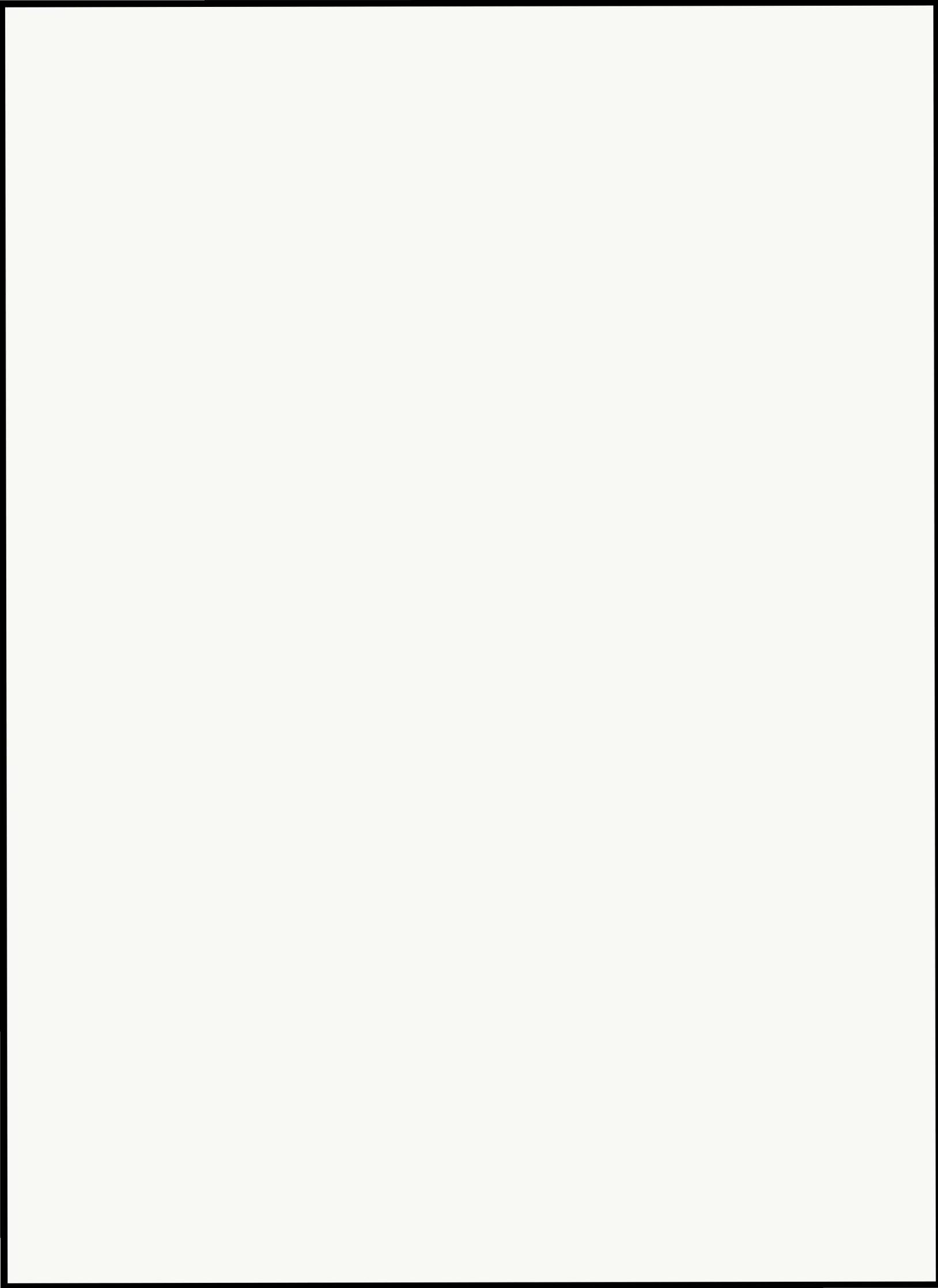
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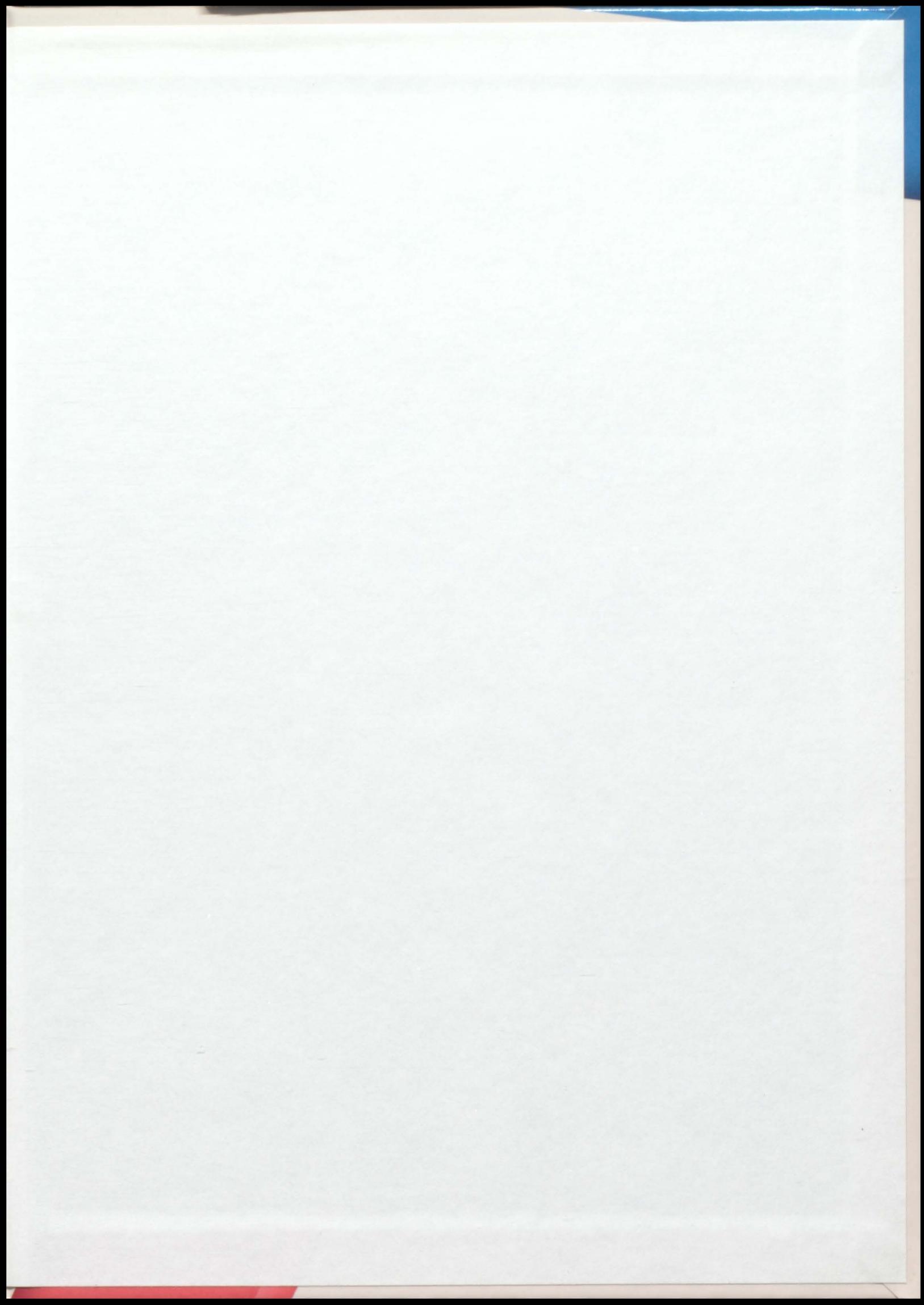
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